

Upcoming Events

GOURDget Class
Jan. 10, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Arts & Humanities Building
Ada, Okla.
(580) 272-7781

Silk Painting Class
Jan. 14, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
and 1-3 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 272-7781

Community Arts and Crafts Class
Jan. 17, 6-8 p.m.
Remington Park
Oklahoma City
(405) 424-1000

Yaakni' Apiisachi Hiking Day Camp
Jan. 16, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Kullihoma
(580) 272-5456

GOURDget Class
Jan. 17, 2-4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery and Studios,
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 272-7781

Winter Season Photography Workshop
Jan. 21, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-7781

Dream Catcher Class
Jan. 21, 1-3 p.m.
Council House Museum
Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-3351

Silk Painting Class
Jan. 28, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
and 1-3 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-7781

Mahota Inkle Weaving Pickup Technique Workshop
Jan. 28, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-7781

Community Arts and Crafts Class
Feb. 2, 6-8 p.m.
Jet Stream Casino
Pauls Valley, Okla.
(580) 622-7142

Pop Art Painting with Acrylics
Feb. 3, 3-6 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-7781

Silk Painting Class
Feb. 4, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
and 1-3 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-7781

Beaded Earrings Class
Feb. 4, 1-3 p.m.
Chickasaw Capitol
Tishomingo
(580) 272-3351

Love Stories and Valentine Workshop
Feb. 9, 5 p.m.
Arts & Humanities Building
Ada
(580) 272-5520



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Preserved during floods

Tribe honored for service to Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge

ADA, Okla. – The U.S. Department of Interior honored the Chickasaw Nation with its Partners in Conservation Award for assisting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during record flooding and weather-related destruction in 2015.

Rick Cantu, manager of the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge, presented the commendation to the Chickasaw Nation Dec. 13.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby accepted the honor on behalf of the tribe.

In May and June 2015, flooding virtually wiped out all existing structures at the refuge east of Tishomingo, Okla. Most of the buildings were condemned. The Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Cantu, provided refuge staff needed shelter from the storm,

A house owned by the tribe located immediately north of the old Tishomingo Health Clinic was unoccupied. Chickasaw Nation workers cleaned it up, painted the interior and readied it for office space. Chickasaw workers also improved the road leading to the house.

“Without the Chickasaw Nation’s assistance, the staff would have been in real trouble,” Mr. Cantu said. “Our efforts to restore the refuge were critical and the Nation welcomed us.”

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Director Dan Ashe issued the citation. In

Sovereign Nations Center a hub for Native students at Oklahoma State

STILLWATER, Okla. - The Oklahoma State University Center for Sovereign Nations is a hub of support, information and connection for Native American college students. Chickasaw Nation students serve in leadership roles, proudly representing their tribe while serving others.

One of those students has been involved with the center since inception and is now an OSU senior. Chickasaw citizen Masheli Billy became involved with the center during the development phase in 2013 and continues to work there now.

“Being a student ambassador on the OSU campus for Native American students has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had,” Mr. Billy said. “I have gained priceless life lessons from my mentors here and have been honored to have incredible leadership to learn from.

“Every day I enjoy learning more about myself, my tribe and other Native American students on campus and have become much more engaged in Native American activities. It’s not unusual for me to spend my free time playing stickball outside the center, playing the Native American flute or sharing traditional stories with new friends.”

The center is a longtime vision of center director Dr. Elizabeth Payne, and Dr. John Chaney, director of the OSU Marriage and Family Clinic, American Indians Into Psychology Program (AIIP) and Center for American Indian Studies. The vision became reality when the OSU Center for Sovereign Nations opened its doors to students in August 2015.

Mr. Billy was part of the process from the beginning.

“Masheli is an original author of our center concept,” Dr. Payne said. “Though Masheli was still in high school when we were planning the center, his input has guided our center strategy since we met. His leadership continues to have significant impact on the success of the center.”

In the first two semesters of op-



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, right, and Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge Manager Rick Cantu display a national award naming the Chickasaw Nation a Partner in Conservation with the U.S. Department of Interior.

part, it thanks the tribe for stepping forward to help the agency at a critical time.

“The Chickasaw Nation performed maintenance, restored water service, painted the interior and improved the road for refuge employees to use,” Mr. Ashe noted in the citation. “This was all done at no cost to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.”

Refuge staff used the house for more than a year.

“The Chickasaw Nation has a long history of providing support and contributions to the Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge. For (its) generosity and longstanding unwavering support, the Chickasaw Nation is granted the Partners in Conservation Award of the Department of the Interior,” the citation stated.

Gov. Anoatubby recalled he and Tishomingo High School teammates ran through the wildlife refuge during football conditioning drills.

“I remember how beautiful it was,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “The

Chickasaw Nation has partnered with the wildlife refuge in the past and we are committed to partnering with it in the future.”

Mr. Cantu said the tribe and refuge were currently partnering on a Monarch Watch project to provide milkweed and nectar-rich plants for butterflies and pollinators. The refuge made available approximately 100 acres in several different plots to sustain monarch populations. The refuge covers 28 square miles and manages the area solely to benefit wildlife.

In 2015, Tishomingo received 82.88 inches of rain, according to the Mesonet weather site. Flooding ensued, washing out roads, inundating buildings, destroying bridges and other vital infrastructure. It is estimated several millions of dollars in damage occurred during the storms.

In comparison, Tishomingo has received 38.65 inches of rain through Dec. 13, 2016.

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Gov. Anoatubby delivers ECU keynote address

ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby challenged more than 300 East Central (OK) University graduates to find their “passion” and build career paths embracing that passion.

Gov. Anoatubby was keynote speaker during the Dec. 10 commencement exercises at Kerr Activities Center.

“Discover that purpose and passion in your life,” Gov. Anoatubby told the graduates. “It may not be in your chosen profession. It may be in volunteerism. Once you find that passion, it can mean all the difference in the world to you and the people around you.

“Sometimes your purpose in life may take you in different directions before you find your way,” he said.

Gov. Anoatubby related his own experience since graduating ECU with an accounting degree in 1972.

“When I first entered college, I was planning to teach math and coach football,” he said. “By the time I graduated, I was planning an entirely different future in accounting and business. It wasn’t too many years (before) I discovered another passion and that was service to others, specifically, in my case, to the Chickasaw people.”

It is critically important, Gov. Anoatubby said, to always be ready for success.

“Sometimes opportunities arise when we least expect them,” he said. “Instead of just waiting, be prepared to answer when opportunity knocks. Step up. Be ready to open the door wide and embrace the possibility of doing something that could possibly be great.”

He also told graduates, “To get ahead, it is very important we

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Chickasaw Ensemble sings anthem at Arrowhead



The Chickasaw Nation Ensemble model new choir vests prior to performing the national anthem at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. The young Chickasaw ladies sang before the Nov. 20 National Football League game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. They are, front row from left, Jaylee Jennings, Ashton Rawlins, Daryn Berryhill, Taylor Harrison, Micah Postoak, Mazzi Wycle, Markita McCarty, Mackenzie Geisler and Izzy Wilkerson. Back row from left, Makenna Moore, Madisen Moore, Abbie Gandy, Haley Scheerger, Faithlyn Seawright, Gabriel Padilla, Haley Shaw, Eryn Anoatubby and Lydia Bomboy.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – A blustery November day turned into a rainbow for 18 Chickasaw Nation Youth Ensemble singers. The group performed the national anthem Nov. 20 at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City as part of Native American Heritage Month.

It marked the ensemble’s third consecutive appearance at the request of the Kansas City Chiefs of the National Football League. The young singers performed the anthem before the Chiefs’ game against the NFL’s Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

“It’s a very nice experience for the girls,” Director of Performing Arts Corey King said. “It is exciting to me we get to do something like this. The opportunity to get the Chickasaw Nation’s name out there on a consistent basis and for something that is this important, it is just a great opportunity.”

Weather conditions on performance day made singing a challenge, as did an errant sound system. The system did not allow the girls to hear, in real time, what

they were singing.

“I’d say the girls would have a two-second delay from the time they sang a note before they heard it,” Mr. King said. “I don’t know how Phillip (Berryhill, choir conductor) was able to conduct them and I don’t know how they did it. I’m a pretty experienced singer and it is extremely difficult to (sing) when you aren’t hearing your voice in real time.

“But they did it and, boy, they were on beat and it was great,” Mr. King said in praising the ensemble’s performance under stressful circumstances. “Without the Chickasaw Nation and the programs we offer here, these girls would not have these opportunities to experience. I feel very fortunate to work for the Nation and am grateful the leadership of the Nation finds it important to devote time and resources on this. We’re encouraged to do it and that is invaluable,” Mr. King observed.

In years past, the ensemble has performed in white Chickasaw Nation T-shirts. This year, the

girls were given blue choir vests resembling ribbon shirts, an addition to showcase traditional Chickasaw attire.

“We have been hosted by the Chiefs before during Native American Heritage Month,” Mr. King said. “Many of the other tribes appear in full regalia and we decided to share our heritage with the new vests. They are wonderful and beautiful but they didn’t do much to keep us warm!”

The ensemble includes Eryn Anoatubby, Abbie Gandy, Gabrielle Padilla, Micah Postoak, Faithlyn Seawright, Haley Shaw, Isabelle Wilkerson and Mazzi Perrin Wycle, of Ada, Okla.; Madisen Moore, Makenna Moore and Haley Scheerger, of Ardmore, Okla.; Markita McCarty and Ashton Rawlins, of Stonewall, Okla.; and Taylor Harrison, of Allen, Okla.; Jaylee Jennings, of Davis, Okla.; Lydia Bomboy, of Newalla, Okla.; Mackenzie Geisler, of Shawnee, Okla.; and Daryn Berryhill, of Wewoka, Okla.

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby delivers the keynote address at East Central (OK) University's fall commencement Dec. 10 at Kerr Activities Center on the ECU campus.

work hard. We must create trust. You must prove yourself and, to do that, you must be diligent (and) you must be dependable. Consistently doing your best will pay off in the long run. Foster partnerships to reach your goals.”

The ECU campus is located on land donated by a Chickasaw citizen. The Chickasaw Nation has partnered with ECU to build the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center, Chickasaw Plaza, and instructional programs such as the Chickasaw language, Oklahoma Business Week and Clem-

ente Course in the Humanities, among others.

“We are more productive when we work together,” he told graduates. “And we benefit most when we are inclusive. So embrace the talents and resources of those around you. Surround yourself with capable people who are strong in a variety of skills because most everyone has something valuable to contribute.

“Stay positive. We may fumble. We may fall. My high school football coach used to say ‘if you get knocked down, get right back

up.’ When circumstances are beyond our control, we can always choose what our attitude is. There is power in positivity that overcomes almost any obstacle. Determination moves us always forward.”

Gov. Anoatubby concluded with thoughts about being a fundamentally solid contributor in life.

“Be honest,” he said. “Do what you know is right. Our word is our bond and although compromise is generally good, we should never compromise our character. What is popular is not always right and what is right is not always popular. If these are in conflict, always do what you know to be right.”

Chickasaws graduating ECU with honors Dec. 10 included Zachary Garcia, Betty Hughes, Jamie Matthews, Brooke McVeigh and Bailey Miller.

Chickasaws earning degrees at the fall commencement included Cheyenne Digby, Kelly Hobbs, Casey Kirby, Robin Monetathchi, Cameron Rojo-Chavez, Raven Somers, Jacqueline Stephens and Melissa Townsend.

Chickasaws earning master degrees included Trisha Christensen, Malynda Cobb, Marissa Fortner and Jadyn Wallis.

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Christmas Celebrations



From left, Chickasaw Jr. Princess Keilyn “KeKe” Factor; Little Miss Chickasaw LaKala Orphan; and Chickasaw Princess Julie Underwood.



Taylor Berry, top, and, from left, Jaeden Berry, Cade McGahey, and Camie McGahey.

Higher Ed grants, scholarships application deadline February 1

February 1 is the application deadline for higher education grants and scholarships.

Chickasaw students wishing to receive higher education grants and scholarships for the 2017 spring term must apply by Feb. 1.

Students participating in an undergraduate, graduate or doctoral program from an accredited college are eligible to receive assistance through a number of grants and scholarship programs provided through the Chickasaw

Nation.

Grants and scholarships assist full-time and part-time students with tuition, books and fees.

Applicants must complete a Programs, Grants and Scholarship Application, provide an official high school or college transcript and a schedule of classes.

Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/highered.

For more information, contact Education Services at (580) 421-7711.

Winter photography workshop Jan. 21

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities is sponsoring a winter season photography workshop Saturday, Jan. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the ARTesian Gallery and Studios in Sulphur, Okla.

This workshop will allow participants to capture beautiful landscapes while providing a variety of lighting challenges.

Instructor Tanya Lowrance will teach participants the camera features, how to analyze light and adjust the camera accordingly,

utilizing filters and successful composition guidelines.

Participants need to bring a camera with interchangeable lenses, comfortable walking/hiking shoes and seasonally appropriate clothes.

This workshop is free and open to the public. Class size is limited.

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Put some ‘resolve’ in your New Year resolutions for 2017!

Happy New Year, and best wishes for a tremendous 2017!

It is traditional to make resolutions this time of year as we look forward to a chronological “clean slate.”

A resolution is defined as, “a resolving or determining; a decision as to future action.” That is how most of us frame a resolution. We look at an area or areas of our lives that could use some positive change, and we determine what we are going to do to make things better.

Another great word that has essentially more to do with our actions than just a simple resolution is “resolve.” Resolve, as a noun, is defined as “a fixed purpose or intention; a firm determination.”

Now, that word really fits when making a resolution!

In order for any “resolution” to actually meet with success, we must have firm “resolve.” It is imperative that we not only recognize a challenge, but that we set our minds to overcoming that challenge and vaulting to new levels of achievement and success!

Resolve can look a lot like stubbornness, and there is often a bit of the latter thrown in the mix. But resolve is different in that it requires some thought, planning and basis in fact.



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
the Chickasaw Nation

Imagine the resolve the Chickasaw people had to develop when facing Removal 180 years ago. This unilateral action was unjust, unfair, immoral and illegal. It was everything our ancestors neither wanted nor deserved. Yet, they faced the situation with resolve to survive and come together in new lands.

That resolve carried them across hundreds of miles and countless challenges and terrible disappointments. They were bowed, but not broken, and would begin life anew in unfamiliar territory.

Throughout the generations, the Chickasaw Nation has maintained its firm resolve to not only survive, but to prosper.

The Chickasaw Nation re-energized itself in the new territories and built a new society and new lives. From

virtually nothing, our tribe rose up to create homes, schools, churches, businesses and so much more. Our tribal government never missed a beat. The common resolve of our forebears drove them to incredible successes. We can be very proud of that!

Every Chickasaw family has met its own personal trials and challenges. We all encounter myriad obstacles throughout our lives. During those times of challenge, and even crisis, we can gain strength by recalling the whirlwinds that swept up those who came before us, and how they soldiered on through those times of trouble.

Not all of life must be burdensome, but we know from history that we are going to have to deal with things we do not anticipate!

Chickasaw people, I believe, have innate resolve that continually moves us forward. Our history as builders, traders, warriors and strategists has served, and continues to serve us well. In simple terms, we are determined, and we refuse to quit!

My resolution for 2017 is that we meet the year head on, with clear goals and a solid plan to achieve those goals. All we need to add is a good dose of historic “resolve” to make good things happen.

Please accept my very best wishes for a fantastic 2017!

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eration, the center welcomed 850 student visits. Each of those interactions offered Native American students a welcoming experience from center staff, the opportunity to discover funding sources and employment opportunities and both staff and peer support.

Mr. Billy spends several hours weekly working in the center, adding to the welcoming experience. In addition to offering assistance to university students, Mr. Billy collaborates on events and leadership activities.

“My favorite activity at the center is high school visitation days,” he said. “We are able to visit with high school juniors and seniors from all across the nation to encourage them to enroll at Oklahoma State. Every time I meet someone new or pick up the phone I am representing my tribe and a legacy of excellence. It’s an honor to be a true advocate for my tribe’s sovereignty, higher education and the overall continued success of my people.”

The center was made possible through a leadership gift from the Chickasaw Nation. Chickasaw Nation Ambassador-at-Large Neal McCaleb advocated for the center, along with OSU president Burns Hargis. At the center’s first birthday bash, the Choctaw Nation announced its commitment to forming a partnership with the center.

Weekly luncheons for students, a venue for Native America Student Association meetings and a comfortable place for students to study and relax keep the center buzzing with activity.

The center, Mr. Billy said, was a critical stop for Native American students to find resources, develop friendships and learn more about tribal heritage and sovereignty.

“I know from personal experience how much the center can impact someone’s life,” he said. “Sometimes it’s just good to know someone cares. The people who work at the center aren’t doing it for themselves, rather it’s the reward of knowing we can positively impact someone’s college experience. Our focus is to give



Masheli Billy prepares to serve at the OSU Center for Sovereign Nations’ first birthday bash.

students a home where they can grow as a person and have a place where they feel they belong.”

Mr. Billy is on track to graduate in May with a bachelor’s degree in aerospace administrations and operations and a minor in military studies. He is also in his fourth year serving as a cadet in OSU’s Reserve Officer Training Corps program at OSU. He will be commissioned a U.S. Army officer upon graduation.

“Throughout the years I have learned the importance of good leadership, self-discipline and determination through the military service modeled boldly in my family,” Mr. Billy said. “From my elders to my ancestors, the spirit of a warrior remains strong in my bloodline. It is an honor to become a part of this tradition and to grow our dedication to service even stronger.”

Representing Chickasaw heritage and sovereignty runs in the Billy family. Mr. Billy is the son of Lisa Johnson Billy, a Chickasaw and the first Native American woman to represent State Senate District 42 in the Oklahoma Legislature.

“For me, my culture is one of the most important things and I hold it dear to my heart,” Mr. Billy said. “Throughout the last couple of years, I have learned an extensive amount about my culture.

I will always carry these things with me wherever I go and plan on sharing it with as much of the world as I can.”

Mr. Billy has chased his dream of higher education with support from the Chickasaw Nation. He has utilized scholarships and grants offered through the Chickasaw Nation Education and Youth Services to help him reach his goals.

“Over the course of the last four years, the Chickasaw Nation has helped me tremendously in achieving my goals, from higher education scholarships and grants, to the college clothing grant now provided through Youth Services,” Mr. Billy said. “It has been a true blessing to have the support system of my tribe behind me. The Chickasaw Nation’s Education division has set the standard for true service before self. I have always had the highest quality of service given to me and for that, I am truly thankful.”

For more information about the OSU Center for Sovereign Nations, visit sovnationcenter.okstate.edu. To learn how to apply for higher education grants through the Chickasaw Nation and other services and support, visit www.chickasaw.net/highered.

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Pinch pots class set for Feb. 2 in Pauls Valley

PAULS VALLEY, Okla. - A pinch pots arts and crafts class is set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 2 at Jet Stream Casino, 2001 W. Airline Road in Pauls Valley.

This event is free and open to the public. Class size is limited to 25 participants.

Planned classes stretch throughout 2017 in Purcell, Dun-

can, Ardmore, Oklahoma City and Pauls Valley.

The classes are offered by Chickasaw Nation History and Culture.

For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Julie Underwood at (580) 622-7140 or julie.underwood@chickasaw.net.

Silk painting classes Jan 14, 27 at Artesian Gallery & Studios

The ARTesian Gallery & Studios will host silk painting classes Jan. 14 and 27, at the ARTesian Gallery & Studios, 100 West Muskogee in Sulphur, Okla.

Classes are split into two sessions for different skill levels. The morning sessions, 10 a.m. to noon, will cover beginner’s techniques. The afternoon sessions, 1-3 p.m., will guide intermediate students.

Silk painting is the application of dyes artfully placed onto silk fabric using a fusion of contem-

porary original design concepts and traditional Native American motifs.

Classes will be taught by full-time studio artist Patta Butcher. Ms. Butcher has been a professional artist for more than 30 years. She enjoys expressing her art using hand-painted silk, and has a background in fashion design, clothing and textiles.

For more information, contact the ARTesian Gallery & Studios at (580) 622-8040.

College clothing grant application deadline is Feb. 1

Chickasaw citizens attending college are eligible to apply for the Chickasaw Nation college clothing grant. Deadline to apply is Feb. 1.

Clothing grants are available to Chickasaw college students pursuing bachelor’s, master’s or doctorate degrees.

Part-time students will receive \$150 Visa gift cards and full-time

students will receive \$300 Visa gift cards.

Applications can be found at www.chickasaw.net/collegeclothing.

Full-time Chickasaw Nation employees are not eligible for this grant.

For more information, contact youth services at (580) 310-6620.



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2017 Workshops

January 27
INKLE WEAVING with Anita Grant
Participants use the inkle loom to create intricate patterns and designs.

February 24
HOTA HAND-SEWN ORGANIC COTTON BLOUSE with Margaret Wheeler
Chickasaw artist Margaret Wheeler instructs participants in creating a hand-sewn blouse with block-printed patterns.

March 31
PAINTED WARP with Suza Wooldridge
Instructor Suza Wooldridge introduces students to the basics of dyeing threads, color blending and designing.

April 28
KUMIHIMO with Janette Meetze
Fiber artist Janette Meetze teaches participants how to make a necklace with the Japanese braiding technique.

May 19
NATURAL DYE WORKSHOP with Margaret Wheeler
Chickasaw artist Margaret Wheeler leads the class in a foraging walk to collect dyes. Later, students create dye pots with various plant materials and dye their own yarn.

June 17
FELT-MAKING with Diana Cannon
Instructor Diana Cannon shows students how to create felt from natural wool fibers in an array of colors.

August 25-26
MUD CLOTH with Judy Dominic
Fiber artist Judy Dominic demonstrates her take on the dyeing technique from Mali, Africa.

September 25
PIECEWORK with Maya Stewart & Jimmie Fife
The mother and daughter Chickasaw artists instruct students in the creation of Seminole patchwork cloth designs.

For more information, or to enroll, call the ARTesian Gallery & Studios at (580) 622-8040.

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ADVENTURE ROAD

Chickasaw Nation Dance Studio students present ‘12 Days of Christmas’



The Chickasaw Nation Dance Studio presented its first holiday show “12 Days of Christmas, A Dance Extravaganza,” Dec. 9-10 to a sellout crowd at the McSwain Theatre in Ada. Sixteen groups of dancers from toddlers to elders demonstrated the dances they have learned over the past few months. Dressed in Christmas colors, dancers swayed across the stage to both new and old classic holiday songs. Act I highlighted the “12 Days of Christmas,” followed by Act II, a 17-minute tap ballet. For more information on upcoming Chickasaw Nation Dance Studio classes or performances, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Students



CASHIN CLIFFT
Cashin Clifft, son of Jade and Chey Anne Clifft, of McAlester, Okla., is a recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Cashin is in the third grade at Frink-Chambers Elementary School and was nominated by his teacher, Ms. Gilliam. “Cash is an outstanding academic student,” Ms. Gilliam said. “He works hard and enjoys the complex challenges that I give him.” This scholar enjoys playing basketball and baseball, and loves watching the Boston Red Sox’s baseball team. His future plans include attend-

ing college and playing major league baseball.



WILLIAM DRIEMEYER
William “Billy” Driemeyer, son of Mary and Timothy Driemeyer, of House Springs, Miss., is a recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Award for Outstanding Achievement in Music. He is a sophomore at Lindbergh High School and was nominated by band director, Alec Patton. William is lead trumpet player in the top jazz ensemble at his school, and assists in demonstrating trumpet pedagogy to

the marching band. Because of the size and talent of the band program, these are significant responsibilities and achievements. William participates in his school’s marching band, symphonic band and jazz ensemble. “We are excited to have Billy as a member of our band program,” Mr. Patton said. “We look forward to watching him grow as a young musician and mature into a leadership role with the band.” After high school, William plans to attend college, and to run cross country and track.



KAMBRIA WELCH
Kambria Welch, daughter of Sheila Coon and Silas Welch, of Earlsboro, Okla., is a recipient of Chickasaw Honor Club Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Music, Outstanding Achievement in Athletics and Outstanding Academic Achievement. She is in the fifth grade at Byng Elementary and was nominated by her math and reading teacher, Ms. Tracy Allison. “Kambria is a great student,”

Ms. Allison said. “She participates and excels in many extra-curricular activities.” Kambria recently participated in the Chickasaw Nation Summer Reading Program. She is grateful for the experience and the educational field trips. Kambria also participates in the Gifted and Talented Program at school, and has been selected for the Academic Bowl team. After high school, Kambria plans to attend college, and become a doctor.



SAVANNAH WEEMS
Savannah Weems, daughter of Michael and Loraine Weems, of Ada, Okla., is a recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Award for Outstanding Citizenship. She is a senior at Latta High School and was nominated by her English teacher, Ms. Melinda Isaacs. “Savannah is a very kind, hard-working young lady who is focused on her future,” Ms. Isaacs said. Savannah enjoys spending time with her friends and family, and playing basketball with her sister.

Savannah is a member of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and enjoys it very much. After high school, Savannah plans to attend college. **CONTRIBUTED BY TAYLOR OWEN, PUBLIC AFFAIRS.**

Yaakni Apiisachi Day Camps open to kids ages 13-16

Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services will host 12 environmental education classes for youth ages 13-16, from January through May 2017. The Yaakni Appisachi Day Camps will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kullihoma. Lunch will be provided. To promote a better understanding of environmental protection issues, participants will learn the importance of taking care of the environment through hands-on experience. Youth will take trips to local hiking/backpacking trails for a day. The group will hike out for a short trip and set up a camp. Leaders will teach and demonstrate skills to reduce environmental impacts, as well as teaching about outdoor emergencies, first aid and survival. This hiking experience is free and open to the public. Chickasaw preference will be given. Camp size is limited. For more information, or to register, contact Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services at (580) 272-5412. **CONTRIBUTED BY TAYLOR OWEN, PUBLIC AFFAIRS.**



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Chickasaw veteran Gene Thompson

Entomologist fashioned Army career protecting troops from disease

The 2017 Chickasaw Nation calendar features 12 Chickasaw veterans who served during World War II and the Korean War. This month, 79-year-old Korean War veteran U.S. Army Col. Gene Thompson (ret.), of Ada, Okla., is profiled. Col. Thompson served for over 20 years, specializing in an area of service that is rarely recognized, but vital to every soldier's survival - entomology.

"It's the study of insects," Col. Thompson said. "You don't think of that when you think of the Army. Everyone sees the guy with the weapon on the front lines. We were basically in charge of making sure the food that guy ate was free of bugs and that he was protected from disease."

During his time in war-ravaged Korea, Col. Thompson fought a range of bug- and germ-related epidemics, from encephalitis and lice, to infant deaths and contaminated water. His knowledge, combined with the efforts of the Army, helped save the lives of both American soldiers and local citizens.

"It gave you a lot of personal satisfaction because you could directly see your efforts paying off," he said. "To see that change - providing clean water, preventing the outbreak of diseases - by the time I got out of Korea, I was

hooked on the career."

Col. Thompson went on to head the U.S. Armed Forces Pest Management Board. Upon his retirement in 1983, he was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal.

As a "retiree" he stayed busy with tasks such as teaching special classes at medical schools and managing federally-funded HIV studies.

"I was fortunate," he said. "Because of my military career I always had plenty of offers and plenty of things to do, even in retirement."

Now, Col. Thompson hopes younger people will find inspiration in his story and realize every branch of the military offers a variety of career choices.

"The opportunities are vast," he said. "We used to say it takes three people supporting every one person who is carrying a weapon. You need people who know technology. You need mechanics, physicians, pilots, truck drivers, and on and on. People don't stop to think about all the positions that have to be filled."

When he entered the Army, the draft was active. All men between the ages of 18 and 35, who didn't fight in World War II, were called to duty for an average of two years.

The draft doesn't exist today

and the American military is made up entirely of volunteers. It relies on recruiting and capturing the interest of young people.

"You see the ads on television," Col. Thompson said. "They're really for a modern Army."

In this modern Army, enlistees can sign up for a particular specialty. They will still experience boot camp and the Army lifestyle, and Col. Thompson believes they may also be taking the first step toward a fulfilling, life-long career.

"With a military career, you never get stuck in a rut," Col. Thompson said, "because every three years, on average, you're going to have change and be sent somewhere else, so you have a new set of challenges."

You must also stay on top of the latest innovations in your specialty in order to be ready for the next assignment. This is a difficult habit for Col. Thompson to break. He still keeps track of what's going on in entomology and says what he sees underlines how important it is to bring fresh minds into the field.

"There are new diseases coming along all the time, like the mosquito-borne diseases that we've seen lately, that are all new viruses and organisms," he said. "And we're still trying to whip



GENETHOMPSON

malaria.

"Every 60 seconds, somewhere in the world, somebody dies of malaria. It's hard for people in the United States to understand because we're pretty well protected. But a water-borne disease or an insect-borne disease can take out a large portion of a smaller country."

Col. Thompson's curious mind and natural empathy made him a perfect fit for entomology. His agricultural background also gave him basic knowledge about the impact insects can make on the environment.

"My whole life is a series of 'God-things'," he said. "I got into FFA my senior year by rigging my

school schedule so I could take it in the afternoons. I was on the insect judging team in FFA. My uncle talked me into majoring in entomology in college, even though I wanted to be a rancher. It all led me to the right place."

Col. Thompson grew up in a poor, but happy, household. He remembers the "rationing mentality" that began in the Great Depression and followed his family into World War II. But, he said, he had still never seen anything like the living conditions he witnessed while working in the Army overseas. Those experiences changed him.

"Those people over there were devastated," he said. "Had I not been in the Army, I don't think I would have appreciated how other people live. I don't think I would have appreciated the fact that almost everywhere you go, there are good people who need help."

"In the Army, I think you gain an appreciation for life, and you gain pride in the fact that you are a part of sustaining life. No matter what you do in the Army, no matter your specialty, you are helping sustain somebody's life somewhere."

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Tribal Sick Child Care Center
Harvard's 'Honoring Nations' recognizes Chickasaw program

An innovative Chickasaw Nation program that helps working parents with ill children was recently recognized by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development.

Since 2008, the tribe's Sick Child Care Center has been providing care for mildly ill children of working parents.

The program received an award from Honoring Nations for its exceptional work in taking care of children and its positive impact on the community. It was one of only six recipients selected from a pool of 87 applicants from 65 Indian nations.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said it was gratifying to receive the Honoring Nations award.

"Being included among this group of distinguished recipients is a tribute to our leadership team and our dedicated employees," Gov. Anoatubby said.

The Chickasaw Nation Sick Child Care program was the first of its kind in Oklahoma. The facility takes care of children who may be affected by a range of sicknesses, including contagious illnesses or the common cold.

Children can recuperate in a clean environment while participating in arts and crafts, story time and other activities. Parents can go to work with peace of



The Chickasaw Nation Sick Child Care program recently received an award from Honoring Nations. From left, Rachel Jimboy, sick child care manager; Kimberly Paul, child development center manager; Danny Wells, executive officer of Education; Michelle Key, director of child care; and Angie Gilliam, director of transportation services

mind regarding their sick child's care.

Children are placed in separate rooms based on their illness. This helps keep illnesses from spreading. The center is licensed for approximately 35 children. A licensed practical nurse is on duty at all times.

During 2015, the Sick Child Care Center provided care to 219 children on 1,097 occasions. The impact the program makes on the community gets stronger every year.

The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development created the Honoring Nations program to celebrate successes made by Indian tribes across the country.

Honoring Nations recognizes Native nations that are making a difference within their tribal government and community. By honoring their accomplishments, Honoring Nations hopes tribes will join together and become even more successful by sharing their abundance of knowledge with one another.

For more information about Honoring Nations, visit hpaied.org/honoring-nations. To learn more about the Chickasaw Nation Sick Child Care Program, visit chickasaw.net/Services/Sick-Child-Care-Program.

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Chickasaw student excelling in college business school with aid of unique tribal scholarship

OKLAHOMA CITY - James Kaleb Ogle, a Chickasaw citizen from Newcastle, Okla., knows what it means to get down to business. But, he says he would not have been able to get there without the mentoring, training and funding assistance he has received from the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Ogle, a marketing major at Oklahoma City University, was the first and only student in the state of Oklahoma to receive the Chickasaw Nation and Meinders School of Business scholarship when entering his freshman year in 2013. The scholarship offers a full ride for all four years to students interested in pursuing business degrees at OCU.

"Had it not been for that scholarship, I would not have been able to attend this incredible university," Mr. Ogle said. "It truly opened doors to my future that I would have never had the opportunity to see."

The scholarship program has grown and now supports up to five students annually. The funding is part of the Chickasaw Nation Native American Business Scholars Academy. This initiative provides an opportunity for Chickasaw students to participate in workshops focused on Native American business issues and network with business leaders while earning a degree from this prestigious university.

Mr. Ogle is now a senior approaching the end of his studies in the program. He is exceeding expectations.

"This year has been a very exciting year," he said. "I was asked to work in the dean's suite which allowed me to apply some of my marketing skills. But more importantly to create a strong network with the faculty of our school."

Mr. Ogle has been able to apply skills from his studies by working on social media marketing, event organizing, student activities and compiling information for newsletters. He also assists the director of outreach to coordinate events for students and student and faculty visits to corporations.

Athletics has also been a big part of Mr. Ogle's college career. He earned an athletic scholarship each semester for his work on the OCU cheer team. He currently holds a collegiate All-American cheer title and is part of the Oklahoma City Starts Spirit Squad that took five collegiate national championship titles. As a member of the squad, he participated in summer camps, cheer games and helped host competitions at OCU for different athletic programs.

"I have been able to represent OCU at different charitable events, sponsor families for Christmas and hold canned food drives," he said.

This spring, Mr. Ogle will be the first student, and the first Chick-



From left, Chickasaw Nation illustrator Ryan Ringle; Dean of the Oklahoma City University Meinders School of Business Dr. Steven Agee; and James Kaleb Ogle, Chickasaw Nation Native American Business Scholar, display the Chickasaw Nation flag at Oklahoma City University.

asaw, to complete the Chickasaw Nation Native American Business Scholars Academy. So far, eight students have received the scholarship and six continue their studies.

"We are extremely proud to have Mr. Ogle as our first Native American Business Academy Scholar," Meinders School of Business Dr. Steven Agee said. "He has shown a dynamic level of initiative and is always eager to be involved in the activities we offer. He holds a leadership position in our DECA Collegiate Chapter, a student organization focusing on the development of professional skills, networking and leadership, as well."

May brings graduation for Mr. Ogle, who plans earn a master's degree in business administration through the one-year accelerated program at OCU. He is also seeking internship opportunities with the intent of giving back to the tribe that has given him so many opportunities.

As a high school student, Mr. Ogle participated in the Toksali Smart program, previously the summer youth program, for several summers.

"That was a very valuable program because it kept me active and engaged throughout the summer and taught me basic responsibilities that facilitated the growth of my work ethic," he said. "I was able to connect with our heritage through guided tours of the Chickasaw Cultural Center during those summers as well."

To learn more about the Chickasaw Nation Native American Business Scholars Academy at the Meinders School of Business at Oklahoma City University scholarship opportunity or to apply, visit www.okcu.edu/business/undergraduate/native-american-scholars. Visit www.chickasaw.net/highered to learn about other grants, scholarships and incentives for Chickasaw citizens seeking higher education.

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Chickasaw Nation Transportation Services named
'Tribal Transit Program of the Year' at safety seminar

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Nation Transportation Services Program was recently selected Tribal Transit Program of the Year at a Tribal Safety Champions Workshop.

The event was Nov. 16 at Aloft Hotel in Oklahoma City.

The workshop was hosted by Southern Plains Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) Center to assist tribes in promoting safety and recognize achievement in key categories. The Southern Plains TTAP serves tribal nations in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

"I appreciate all of the staff in transportation for all of their hard work and dedication to the Chickasaw Nation and their clients," Chickasaw Nation Social Services executive officer Leta Burwell said.

Sarah Hayes, a toddler teacher at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center, was also honored at the event. Ms. Hayes was named Tribal Child Passenger Safety Instructor of the Year for her contributions to the community in the field of child passenger safety.

"Our program staff truly strives daily to work in a safety minded culture," Angie Gilliam, transportation service manager said. "I think our community ser-



Chickasaw Nation Transportation Services was selected for the Tribal Transit Program of the Year at a Tribal Safety Champions Workshop Nov. 16 in Oklahoma City. Chickasaw Nation staff are, from left, Rick Miller, senior operations manager of transportation services; Angie Gilliam, director of transportation services; and Leta Burwell, Social Services executive officer.

vice efforts and our conscientious safety focus through our safety trainings and program and being involved in the 'It Can Wait' no texting while driving campaign were collaboratively what gave us the edge over other submissions. We were ecstatic and sincerely humbled to be recognized."

Workshop participants attended presentations aiming to prevent and reduce crashes and transportation related injuries through programs and partnerships with multiple tribes, state

and federal agencies.

Other Safety Award Categories include Tribal Child Passenger Safety Technician of the Year, Tribal Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, BIA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Local Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Safety Champion of the Year, Safety Champions of the Year, Infrastructure Project of the Year, Transit Program of the Year and Transit Driver of the Year.

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Care for Purcell-area citizens to be enhanced by new facility upgrades

Chokma, Happy New Year everyone. I hope all is well with you and your family.

It is always a blessing to spend time with our elders at the Chickasaw Elder Christmas Lunch. The senior sites again provided wonderful entertainment by singing Christmas carols. A big thank you to all those who prepared and served the delicious meal; you always help make it a special time. The community councils also celebrate Christmas in a big way. I had the honor of attending the Purcell, Oklahoma City, and Albuquerque gatherings.

In my new position as Secretary of the Legislature, in the absence of the Chairman, I serve as Chair Pro Tem. That happened in December as Chairman Woerz had the flu and could not attend on session day. I will pause here for a public service announcement. If you have not had a flu shot, please consider getting one, as the flu is really bad this year.

In Legislative session, we approved several resolutions that will continue to add to our Capitol campus in Tishomingo. We also passed a resolution moving Legislative Session from January 20 to January 13 as several Legislators will be out of town at the regular meeting time, and we would not have a quorum. About this same time last year, we passed a Development Budget Amendment for the Purcell Clinic Expansion. Well, they recently moved into the new facility, and we are now remodeling the existing clinic. I am very excited about the greatly improved level of care we will be able to provide to our citizens in the Purcell area.

I hope this new year is filled with peace, love, joy, and many blessings for you and your family.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.
Toby Perkins, Legislator
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Finger weaving class scheduled Jan. 17

Chickasaw Nation History and Culture will host a finger weaving arts and crafts class Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Remington Park, 1 Remington Place in Oklahoma City, Okla.

This event is free and open to the public. Class size is limited to 25 participants.

Planned classes stretch throughout the 2017 year for Purcell, Duncan, Ardmore, Oklahoma City and Pauls Valley. Class topics will include the Chickasaw language, corn husk dolls, pottery, finger weaving, stomp dancing, beading and painting.

For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Halley Taylor at (580) 622-7140 or halley.taylor@chickasaw.net.

With the new year, time to take stock of all the programs available to you

Chokma and Happy New Year! Greetings from the Tishomingo District! I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As we reflect on the past year, it is evident the Chickasaw Nation has once again made tremendous strides in meeting the mission to “enhance the overall quality of life for all Chickasaw citizens.”

The New Year is sure to bring many exciting developments for the Chickasaw Nation with continued success in our commerce activities and tourism efforts which help us meet the mission.

Regardless of where we live, Chickasaw citizens from all walks of life are benefiting from the accomplishments and progress of the Chickasaw Nation.

Working together with Gov. Anoatubby, during the past two decades we have launched many successful ventures and enterprises, and have been able to establish a multitude of services to enhance the lives of all of our citizens.

If our citizens are in need, programs exists to meet their needs.

One of our first tribal programs, Housing, was designed to assist our citizens with securing a place to call

home. Loan services, home improvement program, handicapped accessibility grant, emergency services such as the Emergency Energy Assistance Program or the Storm Shelter program all were designed to benefit Chickasaw citizens.

For more information on Chickasaw Nation Housing Programs contact the Housing Department at (580) 421-8800.

Our health department also continues to grow and meet the health care needs of not only Chickasaw citizens but other Native Americans. During the past three decades, we have been able to add clinics in Ardmore, Tishomingo and Purcell, as well as build a new Chickasaw Medical Center in Ada which helps serve even more tribal citizens.

Soon, we will celebrate the opening of a new Purcell clinic which will provide even more potential to provide healthcare in the northern section of the Chickasaw Nation.

We look forward to the New Year with hopes to continue the success paved this past year in the Chickasaw Nation.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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With changes coming at Interior, it is wise to stay on top of decision-making

Hello Everyone, I hope you and yours are well, and I wish all a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

In keeping with last month's article, in which I asked that we all vigilantly monitor Donald Trump's rhetoric and actions that could impact us as a sovereign nation, I want to discuss his appointment of U.S. Representative Ryan Zinke to head the Department of the Interior.

Arguably, the Secretary of the Interior is the U.S. elected official, even more so than the President, with the most influence over us as Native Americans.

Zinke is a former Navy Seal commander with a bachelor's degree in geology and master's in business finance. As a Navy Seal, he served in Iraq and Afghanistan and was twice awarded the Bronze Star.

Zinke, like Trump, is a Republican whose beliefs and legislative pursuits do not always line up with the GOP platform and leadership. However, unlike Trump, his actions have matched his words.

In my experience, the best indicator of how a person will act in the future is how that person has acted in the past.

To this point in his political career, in sharp contrast with the GOP platform, Zinke has been an advocate for public access to federal lands and a opponent of transferring or selling federal lands. However, he is in step with the GOP platform in that he supports coal, oil and gas exploration and building the Keystone XL pipeline.

His support/protection of federally held public land in order to not only preserve citizens' access to it, but also to access and develop the natural resources of that land causes me concern.

Protection of publicly held land is a good thing. Development/exploitation of publicly held land is a bad thing.

Zinke's counterintuitive pairing of protecting land and developing its natural resources suggests that we should be wary of similar actions in regards to Native Americans and our interests.

Like he advocates for protection and development of public lands, Zinke very well may “protect” us so as to control us and our interests in order to benefit at the expense of a tribe or collective of tribal nations.

We must be vigilant and prepared to contact our federal and state officials should the need arise.

As a tribe, we are economically and culturally strong and much has gone our way in the last eight years.

But, leadership is changing and GOP leadership has not been historically favorable to Indian nations.

Then again, Trump and Zinke aren't typical Republicans. So, we'll watch.

Have a great year and call me if you need me.

Respectfully,
Katie

Key programs investment continues robust in new fiscal year

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Department of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending November 30, 2016

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$16.1 million for the month and \$32.4 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$15.2 million for the month and \$26.5 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through November totaled \$222.8 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$40.7 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$10.4 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At November 30, 2016, the tribal government funds had \$385.6 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$22.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$238.1 million in cash and investments which is reserved for

accounts payable and business operations.

As of November 30, 2016, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$2.24 billion.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Two Month Ended November 30, 2016			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 2,056,248	222,820,808	224,877,055
Transfers From Businesses To Tribal Government	30,330,056	(30,330,056)	-
Total Funds Available	32,386,304	192,490,751	224,877,055
Expenditures			
General Government	1,369,286	-	1,369,286
Legislature	545,192	-	545,192
Judiciary	233,464	-	233,464
Education	3,143,052	-	3,143,052
Heritage Preservation	4,816,927	-	4,816,927
Health	2,610,852	-	2,610,852
Youth Services	1,100,593	-	1,100,593
Family Services	3,428,849	-	3,428,849
Nutrition Programs	1,513,983	-	1,513,983
Regulatory	2,823,261	-	2,823,261
Assistance Programs	4,960,669	-	4,960,669
Gaming Expense	-	130,415,248	130,415,248
Other Businesses' Expense	-	51,684,095	51,684,095
Total Expenditures	26,546,128	182,099,343	208,645,471
Increase In Net Assets	5,840,175	10,391,409	16,231,584
Beginning Net Assets	871,188,746	1,355,004,419	2,226,193,164
Ending Net Assets	\$ 877,028,921	1,365,395,827	2,242,424,748
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets November 30, 2016			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash And Investments	\$ 385,633,920	238,061,234	623,695,154
Receivables	8,185,691	119,983,967	128,169,658
Inventory	1,628	8,101,322	8,102,949
Prepaid Expenses	-	27,474,743	27,474,743
Other Assets	-	1,078,139	1,078,139
Fixed Assets	487,876,239	1,103,224,449	1,591,100,688
Less Payables	(4,668,557)	(132,528,026)	(137,196,582)
Net Assets	\$ 877,028,921	1,365,395,827	2,242,424,748

Be aware of new and improved rules regarding the popular MAPS program



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Happy New Year! (Just had to say it!) 2017 is here and change had already begun nationally by the inauguration of a new president. That is a big deal, however, back home in our world we have big things happening too! I don't spend a lot of time on Facebook but I have noticed a variety of posts showing new babies, parents, grandparents, high school and college graduations and anniversaries for various milestones. Time moves forward - make sure you're on board and in forward motion with your life! The Chickasaw Nation is doing just that on multiple fronts. Recently the Fort Washita location was placed with the Tribe. It is approximately 12 miles northwest of Durant, Oklahoma on State Highway 199. Fort Washita is a former United States Military Post established in 1842 to protect Chickasaw and Choctaw citizens from Plains Indians. Fort Washita is located in the Panola District!

Since we are starting a new year, I wanted to remind you about one of our Tribal Programs that has been "tweaked" to better serve our citizens. The Medical Assistance Program was developed and unveiled back in 2001. This program provides Chickasaw citizens who meet eligibility requirements a maximum benefit of \$5,000.00/ per year toward dental or medical expenses that are not covered by existing tribal programs or other alternative resources. Even today, it continues to be a blessing to our Chickasaw Citizens.

Recently the (MAPS) program has under gone some changes that will allow for better utilization by our people. The program is designed to be used for urgent and emergent care issues that are not available through Indian Health Services. NOW, this program is available to ALL Chickasaw Citizens regardless of where you reside.

Isn't that great? Another change is that the \$5,000.00 allotted for each citizen maybe accessed multiple times until the benefit is exhausted.

To complete an application for the MAPS program you may go online to www.chickasaw.net and select the tab, Services. The form may be printed out and mailed or done electronically.

To learn more about MAPS program and the benefits that are available to you or your family members, please call (580) 272-2704.

"and put on the new self, which is the likeness of God (Ababinili) has been created in righteousness and holiness if the truth." Ephesians 4:24

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NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chokma, chinchokma, Hello, how are you?

Every year at this time, I resolve to exercise regularly and eat more nutritiously in the coming year. This year I am adding another resolution to my list, and that is, to study the Chickasaw language. We have lots of resources made available to us in order to learn more of our language, and soon, we will be able to add to those resources the Rosetta Stone Chickasaw Language Series. The Rosetta Stone Chickasaw lessons will be made available, free of charge, to Chickasaw citizens.

You can find more information and the application at the website, www.chickasawlanguage.net. Once your citizenship is verified, the information will be sent to you, and you can start learning the language at your convenience.

Out of 65,000 Chickasaw citizens, we have only about 50 fluent speakers, so you see how important it is that we make every effort to learn the language and encourage our children and grandchildren to do the same.

Getting to visit the Community Councils and Citizen Connection groups around the country are always the highlights of my year. No matter where you live, you are an important part of the Chickasaw family, and I love to hear from you. I love to hear what's happening in your life, what's important to you, what your needs and concerns are, how you are benefiting from our programs and services, and just getting to know you better.

Looking back over 2016, the Chickasaw Nation has made much progress. Looking forward to 2017, we know we can do much more. We should all resolve to become healthier, more knowledgeable about our history and culture, and strive to really learn our language! I hope you will join me in really making an effort to use the many resources that we have been given and learn Chickasaw! Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala cho anowa, Until I see you again,
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Chickasaw Nation court advocates are here to assist you with your case



CHERI BELLEFEUILLE-GORDON

Chief Justice Supreme Court

Chukma! What an exciting month December has been for the Judicial Department. Old man winter finally showed up and with the low temperatures during December it was the perfect time to cover faucets and make sure the car would be ready for winter. I hope everyone had a beautiful Christmas and a very safe Happy New Year.

If you are interested in filing an action in our court system, please contact the District Court Clerk's Office at (580) 235-0279. The deputies will schedule an appointment with the court advocates for you upon request. You can always access the Chickasaw Nation Code at www.Chickasaw.net and then go to the Judicial Department webpage; the link to the Code is there for you to view the current laws of the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Nation court advocates assisted a total of 86 Citizens in the month of November. Advocate Deana Hartley Kelso is available at the Ada office. Advocate Michael Smith is available for appointments in Ada, Purcell and Ardmore. The court advocate services are available at no cost to the citizens. The advocates will prepare the necessary paperwork for the citizen; however, the advocates do not represent you in court. They are available to facilitate the court process and explain to you what to expect if you appear in court.

District News:	November, 2016 Court Statistics
· 50 __	New court cases filed
· 157__	Cases Heard in court
· 86__	Citizens were assisted by the court advocates

On December 16, 2016 during the Judicial Christmas Reception, the Supreme Court presented Wayne Joplin, District Court Clerk his 10-year service award. It seems just like it was yesterday, when Wayne started working for the Chickasaw Nation at the Chickasaw Nation District Court and now he has accomplished a goal of working for the Chickasaw Nation for 10 years. Congratulations Wayne.

SUPREME COURT

On December 16, 2016, the Supreme Court took time during the holiday to show our appreciation to all of the Chickasaw Nation elected officials, employees and citizens by having a Christmas reception. It was held at the Chickasaw Judicial building, 821 N. Mississippi in Ada. Many of you attended to say "Hello" and tour the facility. We also collected baby blankets in memory of deputy court clerk, Jeanie Jones' granddaughter, Paislyn Spradlin. The blankets were donated to the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Newborn Nursery.

Justice Linda English Weeks and District Judge Dustin Rowe attended the 15th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime on December 7 -9, 2016.

We currently have 580 Chickasaw Nation Bar Association members. If you would like an application to become a member of the bar association, please contact the Ginger Saunders, Deputy Court Clerk of the District Court Supreme Court, (580) 235-0279. The application, bar association directory and by-laws can be viewed on the webpage at www.Chickasaw.net on the Judicial Page. We are continuing to update our web page so check out www.chickasaw.net for more information on the Bar Association.

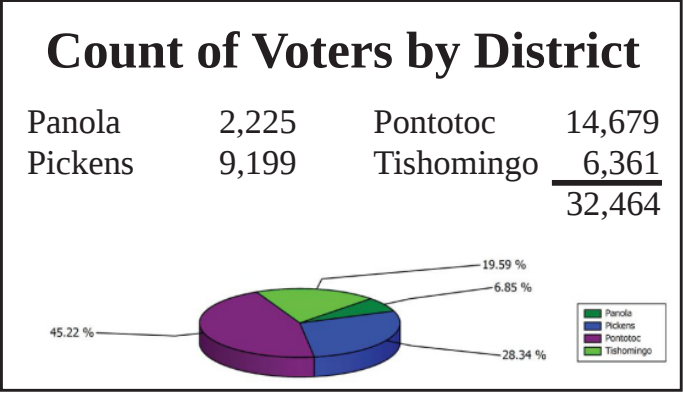
The Judicial Department has established a scholarship. We are honored to be able to give back to the Chickasaw community and to assist our Chickasaw citizens with a scholarship to further their education. The scholarship is called the Judicial Scholarship- Law Student scholarship. This scholarship has been established for Chickasaw students who are interested in pursuing a career in the legal field. The scholarship requires a GPA of 3.0 or higher; undergraduate or law student in an accredited four-year college or university; student pursuing a degree in law, pre-law, legal studies, paralegal or any major associated with law or a bachelor's degree obtained with the intention of pursuing a law degree.

For more information on an application please contact the Chickasaw Nation Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

Again, it is my pleasure to report on a busy and successful month in the Judicial Department. As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chief Justice. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you!

CHIPISALA` CHO ANOWA means "Until I see you again," Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon.

Please contact me, I would love to hear from you! (580) 235-0281 or cheri.bellefeuille-gordon@chickasaw.net.



Elders' Christmas Luncheon Dec. 16, 2016



Chickasaw elder Irene Digby with granddaughter Rhonda McCain and great-great-granddaughter Jerzie Birch at the annual Chickasaw Elders' Christmas Luncheon in Ada, Okla., Dec. 16, 2016.

2016-2017 Tribal Legislature

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Mr. Eagle's Nest

Cool Crisp Air, Warm Healthy Soups!

Chokmal! Mr. Eagle's Nest is a place to share tips for keeping your body strong and healthy.

When I am at home in my nest warming up, I think of healthy soups my friends can enjoy. Winter is a great time to enjoy soups and chili filled with vegetables. My friend, Rain, enjoys vegetable soup at lunch and dinner. He also keeps his body moving to stay warm.

At home, Rain teaches his friends and family the Eagle song and dance to keep their bodies healthy, strong, and warm too!

Do you know the Chickasaw word for soup? You say ashiila.

I hope you enjoy my joke today. It's one of Miss Rabbit's favorites.
How do you make soup rich? **Add 24 carrots!**

Send me a picture of you and your friends or family doing the Eagle song and dance so I can share it with my friends!
Visit www.eagleadventure.com or call (580) 272-5596 to leave a message and share your family's favorite activities with Mr. Eagle and his friends!

BIRTHS



Kiley Kay Bradley

Kiley Kay Bradley was born at 2:14 p.m., October 2, 2016 at Norman Regional Healthplex in Norman,Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 8 ozs., and measured 21.5 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Shawna Berry and Jason Bradley, of Noble, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Linda Berry (Alexander) and Ronald Berry, of Noble, and Clement Bradley and Sylvia Bradley, of Wilburton, Okla.

She has two brothers and one sister. Kiley is a huge blessing to her family, an overachiever, and proud to be Chickasaw!



Haigen Marie Faye Wise

Haigen Marie Faye Wise was born at 11:30 a.m., Nov. 4, 2016 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Okla. She weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz. and measured 19 inches at birth.

She is daughter of Juhree Catron and Stephen Wise, of Ada.

She is the granddaughter of Jackie Walters, of Ardmore, Okla., and the late Frank Catron Jr.

She is the great-granddaughter of Phyllis Lattie, of Connerville, Okla., and the late Wanda and Tom Walters.

Haigen is the great-great-great-granddaughter of the late Eliza Russel, an original enrollee.



Magdalen "Maggie" Mae Kirbow

Magdalen "Maggie" Mae Kirbow arrived at 12:10 a.m., Nov. 22, 2016. She was born in Fort Worth, Texas at Andrews Women's Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz, and measured 19.4 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Robert and Christine Kirbow, of Burleson, Texas. Her maternal grandparents are Larry and Davina Kniffin. Her paternal grandparents are David and Marcia Feucht.

Maggie's maternal great-grandparents are David and Christine Nichols and her paternal great-grandparents are Bill and Pearline Davidson.

Magdalen is our everything and our love for her is infinite.

Chickasaw girl christened Nov. 20



Decker Andrews Page was born May 9, 2016 to Travis and Corbin Dunlap Page. She was christened Nov. 20, 2016, by Rev. Gary Jones of St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia.



Leighton Raine Murphree

Leighton Raine Murphree was born at 6:18 p.m., Dec. 1, 2016 in Fort Worth, Texas. She weighed 9 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 22 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Karli and Clint Murphree. She has two sisters Kira and Londynn.

She is the great-great-great-great-granddaughter of Charlie and Catherine Sheco, of Oklahoma Chickasaw Tribe. She is the great-great-great-granddaughter of Thomas and Ellen (Sheco) Powell and great-great-granddaughter of Joel Preston Sr., and Almeda Powell. Her great-grandparents are Joel Preston Jr. and Wanda Powell and the granddaughter of Craig and Annette (Powell) Nelon, all of The Chickasaw Nation.



Willow Rose Bohon

Parents Reginald Bohon and Amber Chubb are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Willow Rose Bohon. She was born November 23, 2016 at 3:08 p.m. at Redding, California. She weighed 10 lbs., 3 ozs., and measured 21 1/2 inches at birth.

She is the granddaughter of Greg and Carla Bohon and Allen and Kathy Chubb.

She is the great-granddaughter of Reg and Brenda Bohon and Cheri Rose. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Lorene Piearcy and Rita Smith.

She is the niece of Nicole Bohon, Crysta Chubb, and the great-niece to Debbie Baker, Jaymi Rose, Karen Bohon, Dan Bohon and Jeff Bohon and she has many cousins.

Her dad, grandpa, great-grandma, great-great-grandma, aunt and great uncles are all enrolles of the Chickasaw Nation.

Kari Chew earns doctorate from UofA



Kari A. B. Chew

Kari A.B. Chew graduated with her doctorate from the University of Arizona's Language, Reading, and Culture Program. Her dissertation was titled, "Chikashshanompa' Ilanompo-hó.li Biyyi'ka'chi (We Will Always Speak the Chickasaw Language): Considering the Vitality and Efficacy of Chickasaw Language Reclamation."

She is a Chickasaw Nation Lifetime Scholar and was selected the Outstanding Graduate Student for her college.

She is the great-granddaughter of Douglas Henry Johnson (Chock) Burris, original enrollee. Mrs. Chew lives in Tucson with her husband and has been learning Chikashshanompa' as a citizen-at-large for eight years.

Patrick C. Lueders graduates from UofA



Patrick C. Lueders

Patrick C. Lueders graduated from The University of Arizona in May 2016 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration, majoring in marketing and a minor in business of sports and entertainment.

Following graduation, Mr. Lueders began pursuing his career in talent management with the Paul Kohner Agency in Los Angeles.

Mr. Lueders is the son of Carol Lueders, of Chicago, and the grandson of Patricia J. Myers, of Amarillo, Texas, granddaughter of original enrollee Nicholas Walthall.

Mr. Lueders wishes to express his deep gratitude to the Chickasaw Nation for its generous support during his academic pursuit. Thank you to Education Services, and also to Ms. Winter Bass M.Ed for her assistance and patience over the past four years.

Thank you so much for the wonderful opportunity the Chickasaw Nation provided for my son!



Chickasaw brothers Jace M. Woodrow and Kyle L. Catt.

Chickasaw brothers graduate

Chickasaw siblings Kyle L. Catt and his younger brother, Jace M. Woodrow, are both 2016 Fall term college graduates.

Mr. Catt graduated from the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, with a master's of education in educational leadership. While completing his master's degree, he received the opportunity to join Kappa Delta Pi, an honor society in education. He is a 2001 graduate of Washington (OK) High School, and a 2005 graduate of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO), Chickasha, Okla., with a bachelor's degree in natural sciences with minors in biology and liberal arts. He lives in the Fort Worth area with his wife and son. He teaches or has taught various science courses, including biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, forensic science, etc., at R.L. Paschal High School in Fort Worth. His future plans include continuing his education in pursuit of a doctorate of philosophy degree in educational leadership.

Mr. Woodrow is a 2012 graduate of Washington High School. He received his bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis in management and accounting from USAO. He has been recognized by USAO as an Honor Roll student. He currently resides in Washington, Okla., and is seeking employment in his field of study.

Kyle and Jace are the sons of Mike and Denise (Aiken) Woodrow and the grandsons of Lloyd and Ramona Aiken, all of Washington, Okla., and the late David and Yvonne Woodrow. Their late paternal great-grandmother, Roxie Dunigan Aiken and great-great grandmother Lela McGill Dunigan, were original Chickasaw enrollees.

Both Kyle and Jace were proud recipients of the Chickasaw Nation's educational grant and scholarship programs. They both wish to express their sincere appreciation for the encouragement and fiscal support provided by the Chickasaw Nation in their quest to advance their educations.

Chickasaw student graduates from World Wide College of Auctioneering



Justin C. Knight, right, receives his certification from World Wide College of Auctioneering.

The family of Justin C. Knight, of Talihina, Okla., is proud to announce he successfully graduated from the World Wide College of Auctioneering, Mason City, Iowa on Nov. 20, 2016.

Mr. Knight ranked at the top of his class, completing his written exam with a score of 95, as well as an oral exam scoring 28 out of 30 points, which was based on item descriptions/salesmanship, initial command/stage presence, voice projection, bid increment ability. Oral examination was judged by Paul C. Behr, president of World Wide College of Auctioneering; Angelo Lopez, bilingual instructor of World Wide College of Auctioneering; and John Nicholls, National Auctioneer Association President.

Mr. Knight would like to extend his gratitude to the Chickasaw Nation Career Technology Program for helping advance his education. He is looking forward to a long-lasting career in auctioneering and all the opportunities he will be able to explore with his new certification.

Crittenden children celebrate birthdays



Crittenden children from left, Emily, Henry and Kelly Jr.

As wonderful as the holiday season is, it becomes extra special for the Crittenden family.

The following grandchildren of

Gary and Pauline Crittenden, of Bixby Okla., celebrated birthdays. They are the children of Kelly Sr. and Jamie Crittenden, of Broken Arrow, Okla.

Emily Kristine turned eight years old on October 26.

Kelly Jr. turned six years old on December 9.

And, Henry turned four years old on December 31.

Gary and Pauline Crittenden are so very proud of these three of their five grandkids and love them all very much.

Gary Crittenden is a direct decent of the Jackson Kemp family and is very proud of his heritage.

Hard-working songwriter, performer releases Chickasaw-themed CD



JANESSA MONETATHCHI

SULPHUR, Okla. – Three years is a long time to dream. Janessa Monetathchi, a Chickasaw songwriter and performer from Tishomingo, Okla., saw her dream come true Dec. 17 at the ARTesian Art Gallery in Sulphur. There, her first solo compact disc (CD) endeavor – featuring

eight original tunes – was released in a three-hour gala of fun and music. “Fire” is a mixture of classic Chickasaw imagery, culture, tradition and history with a few love songs thrown in for good measure. The CD is about being Native

American, celebrating stomp dances, dining on pashofa, the Chickasaw language, and the sacred fire that burns in the heart of Chickasaws. “The CD is very much Chickasaw-themed,” Miss Monetathchi said. “(Being Chickasaw) has so much meaning to me because of our land and water. We have had to fight for that. We’ve had to fight to keep our families together. We had to fight for what we wanted and to fight so each Chickasaw could pave their own way.” **MUSIC AT HOME** The complexity of music takes a back seat to the clarity of gospel. Miss Monetathchi grew up attending church with her family and singing with her brother Jara, and sisters Jordan and Jaisen. At 15, her family presented her with a guitar. “Most teenagers get a car. I got a guitar,” she laughed. “But it was a dream come true for me. Music is so much of my life.” However, she admits learning to play the instrument was “a very, very long road.” The CD title song “Fire” is a case in point. Miss Monetathchi wanted to recreate the crackling, soothing sound of a fire. Doing so

required her to strum and “tap” the guitar, which she admits challenged her abilities. “Elders teach music to children,” she said. “They teach the stomp dance and sing hymns. Attempting to put all that together was difficult for me. It took a lot of practice.” Once she perfected the technique, she was thrilled with the final recording’s sound and texture. “The fire burns brighter as the prayer goes up in smoke,” is a “Fire” lyric. “Stomp dancing is a spiritual experience for me,” she said. “I believe it is a spiritual event for all Chickasaws. I wanted to convey that feeling through song.” **A JOURNEY’S END** Miss Monetathchi self-funded the project, even creating a company, Rockstar Diamond Music LLC, to make her debut CD a reality. While “Fire” may be the end of the journey, it also is an end to a beginning. “There is a lot of music just waiting to be written and shared,” she said. “It’s a start,” she said of “Fire.” “I am so grateful the ARTesian

opened its doors for me to release “Fire.” They have been very supportive and my family and friends have just been wonderful in supporting the effort.” Miss Monetathchi is a former Chickasaw Nation culturalist and member of the dance troupe for several years before embarking on her music full time. She has worked plenty of odd jobs to put food on the table. “I’ve done my fair share of waitressing and cash register checking,” she said with a quick laugh. “It was worth it.” Polishing the album, finalizing the mix and even adding electric guitar and bass on songs all happened at 33rd Street Studio in Edmond, Okla., under the watchful eye of sound engineer and musician Tyler Garcia. “We added bass and electric guitar to a few of the tunes,” she said. “Tyler even drummed on a tune or two, but the CD is mostly just me singing and playing guitar.” “The whole purpose of the CD is to bring people together and explore the true meaning of life.” **CONTRIBUTED BY GENE LEHMANN, MEDIA RELATIONS.**

Chickasaw vocational student rises to top in Skills USA leadership program



JEREMY COPELAND

WAYNE, Okla. - Jeremy Copeland, a Chickasaw citizen, recently served as the Western Region State representative of Skills

USA, an organization committed to preparing students to be leaders in the workplace. Holding office with Skills USA requires a highly organized candidate with leadership and teamwork skills who exhibits initiative, high moral and ethical standards and a strong desire to serve others. Officers are elected based on a stringent set of qualifications and held to a strict code of conduct. Mr. Copeland rose to the challenge. Mr. Copeland became involved in leadership of Skills USA while attending Mid-America Technology center where he studies carpentry, welding and cabinet making. He is able to attain his educational goals through support provided by the Chickasaw Nation Career Technology program. Skills USA offers training, leadership conferences and com-

petitions to students involved in trade or technology schools. Competitions give students the chance to improve their skills and earn scholarships. “It’s similar to FFA, but for the trade industry,” Mr. Copeland said. According to the Skills USA website, the nonprofit was established in 1965 to motivate students to excel, provide job skill and leadership opportunities and work to improve workplaces and communities. It is a nationwide association that has a far-reaching impact on the Career Tech industry. Mr. Copeland was able to demonstrate his leadership abili-

ties during Skills USA’s Summer Leadership Institute where he represented Oklahoma and the Western region. At the institute, he taught chapter leaders how to lead chapter meetings and conduct competitions and lobbied for recognition of the benefits of the organization. In June 2016, Mr. Copeland attended the Skills USA National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, where competition was fierce. “Attending the national conference was an amazing, life-changing experience,” he said. “I was able to see people who worked so hard to get there, and they were the very best in their trades. I was

inspired to push myself to keep improving. It was a blast.” Mr. Copeland has been supported by the career technology program, as well as the Chickasaw Nation which has presented tuition grants for community college and clothing grants. “All the ways my tribe has supported me lets me know that the Chickasaw Nation cares about me,” he said. “The support is welcomed and has made a very positive impact on my life.” To learn more about the Chickasaw Nation Career Technology Program, visit www.Chickasaw.net/careertech. **CONTRIBUTED BY JENNIFER JONES, PUBLIC AFFAIRS.**

Scalise, Armstrong wed in Los Angeles



MR. & MRS. BLAKE ARMSTRONG

Chickasaw citizen and tribal employee Troy Scalise and wife, Kimberly, are very proud to announce the marriage of their lovely daughter Jordan Scalise to Blake Armstrong, of Los Angeles, Calif. The bride, a Chickasaw citizen, is technology manager of Riff-Reader.com .

The groom is a writer/producer. Their beautiful wedding took place September 4, 2016. at the Pico Union Project in Los Angeles. After their honeymoon in France and Italy, the couple will reside in Los Angeles, (until they can be convinced to move to Ada, Oklahoma to be closer to the bride’s parents.)



RODGER THOMAS

For the past two years, Chickasaw citizen Rodger Thomas has made a name as an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) racer. Mr. Thomas participated in 21 races in 2016 with the Oklahoma Cross Country Racing Association (OCCRA), winning first place in all but two races. In his first year racing, Mr. Thomas won the championship and placed fifth in his class at the Grand National Cross Country Annual Ironman Race in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Mr. Thomas purchased his first ATV in 2003 and participated in trail riding around Oklahoma. At the end of the 2014 season, he was inspired to begin racing by watching friend Allen Aboujeib race. Mr. Thomas thought ATV racing looked like fun. “I think I would like to do that,” he said to himself. At age 55, Mr. Thomas began racing the next season. Mr. Thomas has a three-mile practice track in his backyard.

He practices two to three hours weekly, stays in shape and maintains a good diet to keep up the stamina needed to race. “It is very physically demanding on the body,” he said. ATV race courses are cross country and have laps that can be as long at 10 miles, and racers must continue to make laps until the checkered flag is waved. Races run from 90 minutes to two hours long. Mr. Thomas and his family enjoy spending quality time together and have a number of shared hobbies. He, his wife, Tesse, and their four children travel all over the world to scuba dive. Mr. Thomas is grateful for the shared hobbies with his family. His two sons, Brady and Blake, ATV race, occasionally partaking in a father-son race.

Mr. Thomas’ sons started ATV racing soon after their father began. In their first season, Brady received third place in the sport quad intermediate class and won the championship in the expert class, and Blake won the championship in the amateur class. To the elder Mr. Thomas, ATV racing is more than a competition. It is the bond he has with his family and spending quality time with them that matters most. Mr. Thomas appreciates this shared hobby. “We have been blessed to be able to do something we love to do.” Mr. Thomas owns and operates Vinyl Fence Warehouse in Oklahoma City. **CONTRIBUTED BY TAYLOR OWEN, PUBLIC AFFAIRS.**



Rodger Thomas, 55, jumps a hill during a recent ATV race.

Dedicated to excellence

Chickasaw girl accepted to Interlochen Center for the Arts

CHATHAM, N.Y. - Original Chickasaw enrollees Johnson and Sophia Perry didn't have the opportunity to meet their bubbly and enthusiastic great-great-granddaughter. But they would be thrilled to learn she will study at one of the most prestigious art academies in the country.

Juliet Coe recently auditioned and was accepted to the Interlochen Center for the Arts. The 14-year-old will study Theatre Performance. She hopes to complete her high school years at the Traverse City, Michigan institution dedicated solely to students with promising careers in performing arts.

Juliet sings, acts and performs musically.

She studied upright acoustic bass for classical music.

"I carry the one-half size instrument on my back like a turtle," the engaging teenager said.

Even at one-half the size of an orchestral instrument, it is taller than its musician.

Her secondary instrument is the piano, and she plays it with little formal training.

Juliet finds the chords of her favorite ballads on piano so she can perform them.

"I absolutely love singing ballads," she said. "And opera, too."

Or there is musical theatre, modern and punk rock.

"I have been told one should concentrate on a specific genre of music, but I believe all music is beautiful," she said. "I may appreciate certain genres more than others, but I like to sing all of them."

EARLY INTEREST

In fourth grade, Juliet found herself following the yellow brick road. She was cast as a dancer in "The Wizard of Oz." The experience captivated her emotionally and physically. The rollicking memory remained in the forefront of her thoughts.

"Whenever I go onstage, I get this huge adrenaline rush," she said. "It is amazing. It is all this excitement and energy that goes into you and pumps through you. I remember I had horrible stage fright. I was terrified. I loved it so much I couldn't stop smiling."

Juliet has participated in every school production since fourth grade. She has taken acting, music and singing lessons from instructors who are professionals in their respective art fields.

Chatham is 30 miles south of New York's capital city, Albany. The town is small, only 1,700 people. Until recently, Juliet attended Rudolf Steiner School in Great Barrington, Mass., a small private school just over the state line from Chatham.

BLAME HER BIG BROTHER

Wyatt Coe is the oldest of three children in the family. Juliet also has a sister, Laura, who is 16.



JULIET COE

Wyatt is now 20, but when he was 18 he toured many college campuses to decide which school would be best for him.

Juliet, then 12, went along for the ride. The tours inspired in Juliet a desire to attend college.

"I saw Wyatt's class load and understood college allowed you to concentrate and dedicate yourself to one subject," she said.

Her desire to attend college at such a tender age was amusing, even Juliet admits. But the experience lit a fire within her. She began searching schools where she could focus on a career in the arts. She learned through instructors, friends and colleagues about Interlochen.

With the wholehearted backing of her parents, Wayne and Robyn Coe, Juliet auditioned in February 2016 and was accepted to the prestigious Michigan school in May.

Interlochen is 765 miles from

her New York home. She will be there for the holidays and then return for studies.

CHICKASAW PROUD

Juliet's Chickasaw blood is from her mother's side of the family. Robyn and Juliet Coe are direct descendants of Chickasaw governors Cyrus Harris, Edmund Pickens, William Guy and Robert Maxwell Harris.

They are both great-nieces of Chickasaw Nation Historic Preservation executive officer Kirk Perry and his wife, Kay, who serves the tribe as Counseling and Loan Services director. The Coes are kin to Chickasaw citizens Charles and Kay Perry, also of Ada, Okla.

Juliet worked this summer to help pay the tuition to attend Interlochen.

"Luckily, the scholarship package they offered was very generous," she said. "However, it will not cover all the expenses. Of course, my mom and dad are helping me, and my grandfather is helping out a lot. It is important for me to work and contribute toward my own dream."

Juliet must excel in school and audition annually in hopes of continuing her education at Interlochen.

"It isn't an easy path, but it is what I wish to do," Juliet said. "The reason I applied to an art school is because I am really, really serious about art. The fact I will be surrounded by other people who love it and want to work as hard as I do is like a dream come true."

CONTRIBUTED BY Gene Lehmann, Media Relations.

Chickasaw stickball player turns skills to college lacrosse

Chickasaw stickball provides both cultural enrichment and athletic development. Just ask Elijah "Little Bear" Worcester.

Mr. Worcester excelled on the Chickasaw Nation youth stickball team, then moved on to play lacrosse at the college level.

"Bear can play pretty much anywhere on the field," Mr. Worcester's former stickball coach Clovis Hamilton said. "Good athlete and a good person too. His hand-eye coordination is outstanding, being able to catch the ball with one stick. He makes it look easy."

Mr. Worcester played lacrosse at Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla.

After attending a stickball tournament, Bacone lacrosse coach Tim Allen was immedi-



Elijah Worcester, right, displays his stickball skills at the 2016 Chickasaw Reunion.

ately interested in Mr. Worcester after watching him play. Once he met with Mr. Allen and toured the college, Mr. Worcester made the decision to attend Bacone and play lacrosse.

Lacrosse is very similar to stickball, making for an easier transition from sport to sport.

"It is beneficial for them (stickball players) to know they can go to college and play a sport," Mr. Worcester said.

Mr. Worcester started college at Bacone in the fall of 2016. He has been enjoying practice with his new lacrosse teammates, and is majoring in American Indian studies. He hopes to work for the Chickasaw Nation after graduation.

His love for traditional stickball and his Chickasaw culture are constants in his life. While at Bacone, he has taught his peers how to make stickballs. He continues to practice stickball every day using the stickball pole at Bacone.

The 2017 stickball season is about to begin. For more information about the Chickasaw Nation stickball teams, visit www.chickasaw.net/chickasawstickball.

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Chickasaw girl tops rankings in national basketball review



SANIA RICHARDSON

ADA, Okla. - Sania Richardson is a 10-year-old achiever. This young Chickasaw can be found honing her basketball skills every afternoon.

Hard work and dedication have paid off for Sania. She is ranked the top Naismith National Youth All American 10-year-old female basketball player in the country. This past year Sania has been on two nationally ranked teams. Her home team, Below the Rim, Oklahoma City, ranked third. She was also invited to play with the now number one-ranked Arkansas Mavericks during the Amateur Athletic Union nationals.

"I like playing for the basketball associations," Sania said. "It's amazing. We travel all over the country competing against the best players in the nation. I am meeting people who feel the same as I do about basketball."

Sania's father Theron Richardson knows basketball is in Sania's blood. Her grandfather, J.D. Harding, was a respected ball player. He earned a tryout with the famed Harlem Globetrotters during the height of their popularity. Both Mr. Richardson and Sania's mother, Maribel, played college basketball in Oklahoma.

Sania plays point guard, the position for the best ballhandlers. Point guards are often considered the "coach on the floor" by teammates and coaches. Point guards drive the ball down court to initiate offensive plays.

"I have been playing basketball since I was a little kid," Sania said. "I started before kindergarten. My dad bought me a basketball goal and we would shoot a little bit in the house. I just fell in love with the game."

According to Mr. Richardson, basketball is teaching Sania important life lessons that will stay with her for the rest of her life. As point guard, and often the youngest and only girl on her team, she is learning how to lead others.

"My biggest strength is dribbling," Sania said. "I usually get the ball and take it down court to pass to my friends. But if I have an open shot, I will take it. It is important to take shots yourself, but to also play as a team. It feels good to show the boys how to play."

Sania's competitive nature helps her excel at school. She is a straight A student.

"Sania's talent is natural," Mr. Richardson said. "God has blessed us with certain tools. It is up to us to sharpen them. We are taking that natural talent and developing it. To me, her best skill is intangible. She is a natural a team player, smart and so competitive. She wants to work to get better.

Those are things you can't teach."

Sania practices with the Future Stars Athletic basketball team in Ada. Her reputation as a player, along with her father's skill as a basketball coach, lead to playing opportunities in metropolitan areas.

"The coaches in Oklahoma City trust my husband's coaching skills enough to know she is working out every day, both by herself and in a team environment," Mrs. Richardson said. "She proves herself every time she gets on the court with them."

The commitment from the Richardson family to pursue Sania's basketball dreams goes beyond her daily practice schedule. With the 2017 season beginning this month, Sania will be playing in one or two tournaments a month to remain ranked. Some of these tournaments are played in Oklahoma City, and she will also play in national events in Houston and Dallas, Little Rock, Arkansas, and in tournaments as far away as Orlando, Florida.

"We love being part of basketball organizations at this level," Mrs. Richardson said. "Everybody has the same goals for their kids. The parents and the kids are just as competitive as we are. Everybody is supportive. We all help each other out, we all have the same goals. Everyone wants their kids to be recognized at the national level."

During the 2016 season, Sania was invited to play with the Arkansas Mavericks. Competing against approximately 50 other teams containing the best players in the country, the Mavericks earned the top rating in the country during the national tournament in Florida.

As important as the ranking system is, Mr. Richardson believes organizational rankings are not paramount to his daughter's success.

"I already know Sania is the best player in the country for her age, so I personally don't care about the rankings," Mr. Richardson said. "The rankings do allow Sania to know that her work and commitment is paying off, giving her something to work towards each year. Rankings give her a short term goal to reach. What is essential to me is that she is meeting some of the best coaches and players in the state and nation. She is already networking. College recruiting starts early."

The end game for the Richardson family and Sania is to sharpen her skills to the point of attaining an athletic scholarship to a major university. Sania's dream is to attend the University of Connecticut, home to one of the top women's college basketball programs in the country.

"I would have good coaches if I went to UConn (University of Connecticut)," Sania said. "Geno Auriemma is the best coach in college. He has a really good team. Moriah Jefferson is my star player. I look up to her. She used to go to UConn. Now she plays in the WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association). I went to one of UConn's game, I talked to Coach Geno. It was really cool seeing and talking to him."

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GOURDget classes Jan. 10, 17

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities is offering GOURDget classes with Dustin Mater.

Classes will be Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 6:30-8 p.m., in the Arts & Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway Ave., Ada; and Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 2-4 p.m. at the AR-

Tesian Gallery & Studios, 100 W. Muskogee St., Sulphur.

Classes are free, and materials will be provided. Classes are limited to 10 people.

For more information, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Foster care, adoption mean happy lives for Chickasaw kids



Chickasaw girl Amy with Michelle Zambrana in San Diego. Ms. Zambrana, an advocate for foster care and adoption of Indian children, has adopted Amy. Foster care and adoption are keys to creating happy, full lives for many Chickasaw children.

SAN DIEGO - The homecoming story of a 10-year-old Chickasaw foster child began after an eight-month stay in an emergency children's shelter in Oceanside, Calif. Michelle Zambrana, an advocate for Native American foster and adoption, met Amy after her long stay in the shelter. They eventually became a family. Ms. Zambrana, who is also Native American, has fostered numerous Native American youth in her 13 years of providing a loving, supportive and secure home for children from high risk situations.

Ms. Zambrana is proud to open her home and build a diverse family. She cares for five foster children and her now-adopted daughter, Amy. "We are all enrolled in different tribes, Apache, Chickasaw, Kumeyaay, Osage," she said. "I have other tribal children who moved out on their own now. They came from various tribes, Tohono O'Odham, Pala, La Jolla and Native Hawaiian. They come to visit often and some of them have their own children now. I have had over 15 children, mostly tribal, over the last five years." Part of Amy's story is her

unbreakable connection with her tribe, and that is a part Ms. Zambrana makes a priority. She makes it a priority Amy knows about her Chickasaw heritage. Ms. Zambrana was able to adopt Amy through the Chickasaw Nation Foster Care and Adoption Program and still remains in touch with their social worker, who has assisted by sending books, comics, videos and blankets from the Chickasaw Nation. "Amy may be in another state but she does not feel any less a part of her tribal community," Ms. Zambrana said. "I send out regular emails to our Chickasaw Nation social worker with updates on Amy and photos of our travels. We plan to travel to one of the Chickasaw Nation gatherings as well." Ms. Zambrana works at a residential home for foster youth and is the tribal director of a program that specializes in tribal youth. In a video for the American Society for the Positive Care of Children (SPCC), Ms. Zambrana said she decided to advocate for children after working with victims of abuse at a police department. She has been working with foster children ever since. Before meeting Amy, Ms. Zambrana went through the process of making hers a certified foster home. "One day, I received a call about two cases of young girls who needed a tribal home," she said. "I asked which youth had been waiting the longest and that was the beginning of the path for Amy and I to meet." Amy had been in the holding center for eight months. She had some challenges that made placement more difficult. This was Amy's second time to be placed

in foster care. Her family was going through the steps to attain reunification, but Ms. Zambrana decided to care for Amy in the meantime. She fostered her for over three years, but then Amy became available for adoption. "I allowed Amy to choose if she wanted to stay with me permanently or not," Ms. Zambrano said. "I am a single mother for my foster youth and I work while they are at school. I also wanted to continue fostering other youth so I explained to her that foster siblings could come and go," Ms. Zambrana said. "Amy decided she wanted me to adopt her because she knew I provided a nurturing home and she loved our diverse home. Amy's family continues to grow now because we all stay connected even though kids come and go." Ms. Zambrana uses tools like a "talking circle" to bond with Amy and her other foster children. They gather every few days to talk and connect. They also communicate openly about each of their cases. "Honest communication helps us support one another through the processes in foster care and provides unity," she said. "The kids and I also share different traditional stories that we were raised with and learn from one another." Ms. Zambrana and family take their tribal stories to classrooms and teach others about their heritage. They travel together, hike, bead at the table on a regular basis and celebrate each other's accomplishments. They also participate in various communities to give back and learn about other people's ways. Moreover, Ms. Zambrana teaches her kids about the importance of getting more

Native American foster homes and families willing to adopt. "We bond because we work through any issues they have from emotional or substance abuse or grief," she said. "Our story grows every year as our family grows." Ms. Zambrana advocates for tribal foster and adoption through her work at Milestone House, and a number of other agencies and programs. She encourages other Indian families to open their homes to youth who need loving, stable, healthy environments. "All states vary but your first resources should be the youth's tribe," she said. "They can provide different resources, traditions and stories. Learn about county resources for youth like support groups and public assistance. Go to local Indian health organizations and see what services are offered for your children and yourself to learn about and connect with other tribal people. Touch base with your state Indian Unit workers and learn about their resources." The Chickasaw Nation has resources and programs to assist Chickasaw and other Native American families who wish to foster or adopt tribal children. Foster parents must be at least 21, but can be single or married. The foster care and adoption program offers resources and social workers who can assist families through the process of becoming a safe haven while preserving the child's Native American heritage. To learn more about this program, visit www.chickasaw.net/foster or call (580) 272-5550. CONTRIBUTED BY JENNIFER JONES, PUBLIC AFFAIRS.



Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts students receive belt promotions

Eight Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program students gathered to test their skills and endurance Nov. 19 at the Ada Family Life Center. At the event they demonstrated their knowledge of the Chickasaw language, Chikasha Ittibi "martial art" forms, matches and sparring to advance in intermediate or advanced martial art belt ranks. Congratulations to the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts students who recently received belt promotions. Top row from left, Steven Brownfield (black belt), Will Haywood (brown belt), Leigh Davidson (green-black stripe belt) and John Englutt (black belt). Bottom row from left, James Prater (orange-black stripe belt), Andrew Berry (green belt), Jake McCraw (green-black stripe belt) and Ethan Eck (green belt).

Chickasaw OSU soccer athlete chosen to represent Big 12 at forum



LANA DUKE

BALTIMORE - A Chickasaw student athlete was recently selected to represent the Big 12 Conference at the NCAA Student Athlete Leadership Forum Nov. 10-13. Lana Duke, an Oklahoma State University junior soccer standout, was chosen to represent female athletes. Kansas State University's Terrell Smith represented the conference for male athletes. The leadership forum included more than 300 student-athletes and 70 athletic administrators, coaches and faculty. The forum provided student-athletes with non-traditional educational opportunities aimed at developing them as leaders in their respec-

tive communities and campuses. The forum prepares them for life after their collegiate playing days conclude. "It was refreshing," Ms. Duke said. "I took a lot away from the forum. While I learned about the NCAA, I personally grew a lot because of it as well. It helped shape my leadership philosophies and helped me learn what I need to do to grow and be a better leader and better person. It was really amazing and I met a lot of great people." Ms. Duke is the daughter of Lance and Dayna Duke, of Edmond, Okla. She was named to the Academic All-Big 12 First Team last season. A 2014 graduate of Edmond Memorial High School, she served as captain of the soccer team for two years, was named All-State West soccer captain and Edmond Memorial's homecoming queen. She is heavily involved in Oklahoma State's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee where she serves as president. She is president of OSU's "Orange and Black Gives Back" program where she volunteers with Meals on Wheels, a program providing healthy meals for elderly individuals unable to venture far from home. Ms. Duke is involved with the Oklahoma State's Center for Sovereign Nations. Opened in 2015, the center is located in Whitehu-

rst Hall under the Office of the Provost. It shares space with the university's American Indian Studies program. Funded in large part by the Chickasaw Nation, the Sovereign Nations Center features meeting space for the university's Native American student organizations and room for students to seek services or chat with friends. The aim is to encourage and assist Native American students complete their college education while sharing tribal heritage and being involved with the community's volunteer programs. While attending the forum, Ms. Duke said she learned a lot about the NCAA and how important it is. "It was eye opening learning about the legislations and levels of governance because a student-athlete is on each level of governance and now I know this is how our voices are heard if we have issues or want to change some legislation," Ms. Duke said. While in Baltimore, Ms. Duke and others chosen to attend, participated in a community service project to benefit Baltimore area children and adults who are fighting cancer. The students made care packages which included stuffed bears, GermX, pens and handwritten notes of encouragement.

Smart Start Sports Program prepares parents for children's sports by teaching proper techniques



Bryce Lucas and Lani Owen participated in the Smart Start Sports Program.

ARDMORE, Okla. - Learning the fundamentals of a sport is critical to success in that sport. The Smart Start Sports Program focuses specifically on teaching parents proper techniques of soccer, baseball and basketball, which parents can then teach to their children. Provided with specific phrases, parents can explain the step-by-step procedures of individual athletic skills. Chickasaw Nation Youth Services recently offered Smart Start Sports Program in Ardmore for Chickasaw children ages three to five. The program also provides a way for parents to spend quality time with their children, while providing an uplifting experience. After participating in the program with her son, Bryce, Brittaney Lucas, of Ardmore, said "This program is a good way for kids to interact." The six-week program has

weekly meetings. The first week, parents assess their children's abilities by using a guided checklist to see what the children can do and areas in which they can improve. Throughout the following weeks, children participate in timed rotations, concentrating on specific skills in various sports, including soccer, baseball and basketball. At the program's conclusion, children are assessed again by their parents to see what they have learned. As a result, a majority of students showed improvement in their athletic abilities, and parents felt positive about their own capabilities. "I feel confident enough to teach a little league team," Ms. Lucas said. For more information about the Smart Start Sports program, contact Youth Services at (580) 310-6620. CONTRIBUTED BY TAYLOR OWEN, PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

Legacy of ‘Rachel’s Story’ from Columbine tragedy

Students learn ways to promote kindness, encourage others



Chickasha Pehlichi Ikbi (Chickasaw Youth Leadership) members signed the Rachel’s Challenge banner to accept the challenge to make a positive impact in their schools and everyone around them.

ADA, Okla. - A relative of Columbine (CO) High School shooting victim Rachel Scott, spoke with more than 30 Chickasha Pehlichi Ikbi (Chickasaw Youth Leadership) members Nov. 19 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

Rachel’s uncle, Larry Scott, made a one-hour presentation on the Rachel Scott story that has inspired other high school students to be kind and encourage one another.

“Rachel’s story really touched my heart,” leadership student Allison Wallace said. “I have always seen myself as a positive person. Today was a confirmation that we need to be kind to one another.

“Even though you may not be friends with some people, you can always say something nice or encourage them. I can really relate to Rachel. It just shows that it is important to lift each other up, instead pushing each other down.”

Rachel was the first student killed in the 1999 Columbine High School shooting. She has been described as someone who would go out of her way to show compassion. Her legacy has touched millions over the past 17 years through a program called “Rachel’s Challenge.” The presen-



Larry Scott shares Rachel’s acts of kindness and encourages Chickasha Pehlichi Ikbi members to start their own chain reaction of kindness and compassion.

tation’s aim to encourage reaching out and starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion.

Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Nicole Jia was also at the event. She has partnered with Rachel’s Challenge to increase awareness of the negative impacts of bullying. Ms. Jia was a

victim of exclusion and isolation. She is leading a #BeSelfless campaign, motivating teens to take fewer selfies and share more selfless acts of kindness on social media.

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Tribe honored for efforts to preserve historic Painted Bluff in homelands



The Chickasaw Nation was recently honored by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for its collaborative effort to preserve, protect and interpret petroglyphs on Painted Bluff, a prehistoric site in the Southeastern homelands. Chickasaw Nation Executive Officer of Historic Preservation Kirk Perry, fifth from left, and Chickasaw Nation Director of Research and Cultural Interpretation LaDonna Brown, seventh from left, accepted the award Nov. 30 in Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation. Several other tribes and national organizations participated in the project.

A prehistoric site with images of fish, snakes, animals and human figures dating back more than 600 years is being preserved for future generations thanks to a collaborative effort involving the Chickasaw Nation.

Located along the Tennessee River in Alabama, Painted Bluff is a landmark rock outcropping along the Tennessee River in Alabama. The bluff has dozens of prehistoric paintings and petroglyphs (prehistoric rock carvings), as well as historic signatures.

The bluff is considered one of the most important rock-art examples in the southeastern U.S. The site contains more than 100 petroglyphs, pictographs and historic signatures from the Mississippian period through the 1950s. Experts consider the Mississippian period to be 800 to 1600 A.D.

More than 80 images of fish, snakes, animals and human figures adorn the landmark in the Southeastern homelands.

“The (prehistoric) designs are out of the Mississippian period,” Chickasaw Nation director of Research and Cultural Interpretation LaDonna Brown said.

“There are all these different paintings and some of them are figures that look as if they are engaged in ceremonial or ritual activity,” she said. “There are other places where there are drawings of catfish.”

Time, weather, vandalism and rock climbing have taken their toll on the ancient art. In 2013, the Alabama Historical Commission named Painted Bluff to its “Places in Peril” list. The list highlights the most significant endangered landmarks in the state.

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), which owns the prop-

erty, consulted with 15 federally-recognized tribes, including the Chickasaw Nation, regarding restoration of the ancient paintings.

“Our Heritage Preservation office met with the TVA and discussed how we could provide help with this project,” Ms. Brown said. “The one thing the TVA realized it needed was cultural information about these petroglyphs and to better understand the tribal perspective,” Ms. Brown said.

In a joint effort to preserve, protect and record the ancient drawings for publication in the future, Ms. Brown visited the site west of Huntsville last summer.

“I had so much fun just being on the river and imagining, ‘this was a river my ancestors saw every day and probably came down and fished and saw the eagles and hawks flying near the river and ducks in the water,’” she said. “It just took me back to an early time, this prehistoric time of these types of petroglyphs.”

A petroglyph specialist who worked on the project analyzed the ancient drawings with radio carbon dating. The art was confirmed to be Mississippian period.

Other graffiti on the rock formation includes soldiers’ names from the Civil War period and markings from the early 1900s.

“That is definitely historic and also needs to be protected,” Ms. Brown said.

Once it was decided to preserve the graffiti more than 50 years old, a bevy of volunteers removed or camouflaged any date or names added since 1966.

A volunteer archeologist from Tuscaloosa, Ala., who is a former tattoo artist, led the camouflage effort using water and weather proof paint.

“Now it looks just like part of the stone,” Ms. Brown said.

The Chickasaw Nation will submit a written tribal perspective about the petroglyphs. The report

will be combined with the archeologist’s perspective for a curriculum, which will be taught to elementary students in Alabama schools.

“Painted Bluff is a very culturally-rich area,” Ms. Brown said. “Our ancestors took the time to stop and create the art work on the side of this bluff. Because of that action, this place is a special place. It is more than just drawings on the side of a wall.”

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Award

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) awarded the Chickasaw Nation, along with 14 other federally-recognized tribes, federal and state agencies and other stakeholders the ACHP’s Chairman’s Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation.

The award was presented Nov. 29 in Washington, D.C.

Other tribes participating in the project included the Cherokee Nation, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Kialegee Tribal Town, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

Other preservation project partners included the University of Alabama’s Office of Archaeological Research, the University of Tennessee, Tennessee Valley Authority, Alabama Historical Commission, Stratum Unlimited and the Southeastern Climbing Coalition.

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Silk Painting classes set for Feb. 4, 18 at ARTesian Gallery & Studios in Sulphur

SULPHUR, Okla. - The ARTesian Gallery & Studios will host silk painting classes, Feb. 4 and 18 at the ARTesian Gallery & Studios, 100 West Muskogee in Sulphur.

Classes are split into two sessions designed for different skill levels. The morning sessions, 10 a.m. - noon, will cover beginner techniques. The afternoon sessions, 1-3 p.m., will guide intermediate students.

Silk painting is the application of dyes artfully placed onto silk fabric using a fusion of contemporary original design concepts and traditional Native American motifs.

Classes will be taught by full-time studio artist Patta Butcher. Ms. Butcher has been a professional artist for more than 30 years. She enjoys expressing her art using hand-painted silk, and has a background in fashion design, clothing and textiles.

For more information, contact the ARTesian Gallery & Studios at (580) 622-8040.

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AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander (Late arrival, 9:05 a.m.), Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Katie Case
Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz
Members absent: Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus
Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Mary Jo Green, Michael L. Wingo, Dana Lance, Dusk Monetathchi

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Billy.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES -October 21, 2016
A motion was made by Mr. Colbert and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the minutes of October 21, 2016.
Members voting yes: Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz
9 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2016 carried unanimously.
Mrs. Alexander was present.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE by Committee Chair Pro Tempore Shana Hammond
Permanent Resolution Number 34-001, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 1 Section 16-101.3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Tie Vote)
This resolution adopts and approves amendments to Title 16, Chapter 1 Section 16-101.3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The amendments will provide guidance should the Legislature encounter a tie vote when electing officers at its first Session of each fiscal year.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve PR34-001.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz
10 yes votes
The motion to approve PR34-001 carried unanimously.
Permanent Resolution Number 34-002, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 1 Section 16-101.12of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Copies and Recordings)
This resolution approves and adopts amendments to Title 16, Chapter 1 Section 16-101.12 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The amendments will update the availability of Legislative Session minutes and recordings to Chickasaw citizens.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz
10 yes votes
The motion to approve PR34-002 carried unanimously.
Permanent Resolution Number 34-003, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 Section 16-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Ad Hoc Committees)
This resolution approves and adopts amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 Section 16-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The amendments will add the Code Development Ad Hoc Committee to the list of ad hoc committees.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve PR34-003.
Members voting yes: Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz
8 yes votes
Members voting no: Beth Alexander Katie Case
2 no votes
The motion to approve PR34-003 carried.
Ms. Hammond concluded her report.

(B) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Wood
General Resolution Number 34-002, Applications for Grants under the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's grant applications for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Grant from the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service. Funds from these grants will be utilized to cover costs associated with repatriation of Native American "cultural items," including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR34-002.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz
10 yes votes
The motion to approve GR34-002 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 34-003, Approval of Application for Funding-Administration on Aging, Title VI, Part A Grant for Native Americans and Title VI, Part C Grant for Native American Caregiver Support
This resolution grants approval of the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding - Administration for Community Living, formerly Administration on Aging, Title VI, Part A Grants for Native Americans and Title VI, Part C Grant for Native American Caregiver support. The Chickasaw Nation is one of the 83 original Title VI grantees of the Older Americans Act (Part A). The Nutrition Programs are authorized under Title IIIC of the Older Americans Act. They fulfill their purpose by providing access to healthy meals, nutrition education and nutrition counseling.
The Administration for Community Living has also made funding available for Native American Caregivers (Part C). This is a federal program funded through the Administration on Aging, Title VI-C program to assist families who are caring for an older relative with a chronic illness or disability and to help provide support services for family caregivers and/or grandparents or older individuals who are relative caregivers.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Colbert to approve GR34-003.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz
10 yes votes
The motion to approve GR34-003 carried unanimously.
Mr. Wood concluded his report.

(C) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
General Resolution Number 34-004, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Bryan County
This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Bryan County, Oklahoma, for Chickasaw Nation historic preservation, on property located at 3348 OK-199, Durant, Oklahoma.
A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR34-004.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Katie Case,Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz
10 yes votes
The motion to approve GR34-004 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 34-005, Approving an Oil and Gas Lease in Coal County On Jointly Owned Chickasaw Nation and Choctaw Nation Land In favor of Cinco Energy Land Services, LLC
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's approving an Oil and Gas Lease in Coal County, Oklahoma.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR34-005.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz
10 yes votes
The motion to approve GR34-005 carried unanimously.
Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
There was no new business or comments from citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:24 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Toby Perkins, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

DECEMBER 2016 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 34-006
Natural Gas Utility Easement in Johnston County
Explanation: This resolution approves a utility easement to Oklahoma Natural Gas Company.
The utility easement shall permit ONG, its successors and assigns, an easement and right of way to lay, maintain, operate, relay and remove a pipe line, with fittings, tie-overs, cathodic protection equipment and other appurtenant appliances, with the right of ingress and egress to and from the same, over and through certain lands situated in the County of Johnston, State of Oklahoma, so long as same are used or needed for the distribution of natural gas; but should the Grantee remove its property from the premises and abandon the right of way granted, then the rights granted in the easement shall terminate. The easement is necessary to facilitate the improvement projects along 6th Street in Tishomingo.
Property Location: 6th Street improvement project, Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma
Use: To be utilized as Utility Service Easement to ONG
Presented By: Land Development Committee
Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Katie Case, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 34-007
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County (Lot 6)
Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for the Chickasaw Nation to be additional to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus, described below:
All of Lot 6, in Block 44, in the Town of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, according to the official map or plat of said town.
Property Location: 401 West 7th Street, Tishomingo, Oklahoma
Use: For addition to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus
Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Katie Case, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 34-008
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County (Lot 7)
Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for the Chickasaw Nation to be additional to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus, described below:
All of Lot 7, in Block 44, in the Town of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, according to the official map and plat of said town.
AND
The East 15 feet of Lot 10 and the West 50 feet of Lot 9, in Block 44 in the Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, State of Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.
The same tract being more described in geodetic bearings as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 10 in Block 44 in the Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma; thence N 55°25'06" W along the South line of said Lot 10, a distance of 15.00 feet; thence N 34°34'36" E and parallel with the East line of said Lot 10, a distance of 140.00 feet; thence S 55°25'06" E along the North line of Lots 10 and 9, a distance of 65.00 feet; thence S 34°34'36" W and parallel with the West line of Lot 9, a distance of 140.00 feet to a point on the South line of Lot 9; thence N 55°25'06" W a distance of 50.00 feet to the point of beginning.
Property Location: 403 West 7th Street, Tishomingo, Oklahoma
Use: For addition to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus
Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Katie Case, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 34-009
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County (Lots 4, 5, & 6)
Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for the Chickasaw Nation to be additional to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus, described below:
Lots 4, 5, and 6 in Block 43 in the Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof, LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described as 12 feet by 12 feet located in the Northeast corner of Lot 5, Block 43, Original Townsite of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, described as follows: A tract bounded by a line beginning at the Northeast corner of said Lot 5 and running Southwesterly along the Easterly line of said Lot 5 a distance of 12 feet; thence Northwesterly and parallel to the Northerly line of said Lot 5, a distance of 12 feet; thence Northeasterly and parallel to the Easterly line of said Lot 5, a distance of 12 feet; thence Southeasterly along the Northerly line of said Lot 5, a distance of 12 feet to the point of beginning.
The same tract being described in geodetic bearings as follows:
All of Lots 4 and 6 and part of Lot 5 in Block 43 in the Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 6 in Block 43; thence N 34°34'36" E a distance of 225 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 4 in Block 43; thence S 55°25'06" E a distance of 140 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 4 in Block 43; thence S 34°34'36" W a distance of 75 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 5 in Block 43; thence N 55°25'06" W along the Northerly line of said Lot 5, a distance of 12 feet; thence S 34°34'36" W a distance of 12 feet; thence S 55°25'06" E a distance of 12 feet to a point on the Easterly line of said Lot 5; thence S 34°34'36" W a distance of 138 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 6 in Block 43; thence N 55°25'06" W a distance of 140 feet to the point of beginning.
Property Location: 505 West 7th Street, Tishomingo, Oklahoma
Use: For addition to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus
Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Katie Case, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 34-010
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County (Lot 8)
Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for the Chickasaw Nation to be additional to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus, described below:
All of Lot 8 and the East 25 feet of Lot 9, in Block 44, in the Town of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, according to the official map or plat of said town.
The same tract being described in geodetic bearings as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 8 in Block 44 in the Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma; thence N 55°25'06" W along the South line of Lots 8 and 9, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence N 34°34'36" E and parallel with the East line of Lot 9, a distance of 140.00 feet to a point on the North line of said Lot 9; thence S 55°25'06" E a distance of 100.00 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 8; thence S 34°34'36" W a distance of 140.00 feet to the point of beginning.
Property Location: 405 West 7th Street, Tishomingo, Oklahoma
Use: For addition to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus

Phillip Ray Alexander



Services for Phillip Ray Alexander, 53, of Oklahoma City were Sept. 10, 2016 at the Criswell Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Randy Wade officiating. Burial followed in High Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Alexander passed away September 6, 2016 at an Oklahoma City hospital. He was born January 18, 1963 in Oklahoma City to Leroy and Dorothy Tyson Alexander.

He married Dyanna Racz February 14, 1998 in Poteau, Oklahoma. Mr. Alexander was a welder and a machine maintenance worker.

He is survived by his wife, Dyanna, of the home; three sons, Justin Alexander, Dane Alexander and Brett Alexander; two daughters, Sunny and Chelsea; four sisters, Elizabeth Beck, Claudine Malone, Gwen Cravatt and Ladoria Williams; two brothers, Ledon Alexander and Leroy Alexander, Jr.; seven grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leroy Alexander and his mother, Dorothy Alexander Cravatt.

Bearers were Justin Alexander, Dane Alexander, Brett Alexander, Greg Walker, Donald Bailey and Eric Hill. Honorary bearers were Ray Meely, Terry Fine and William Destea.

Obituaries may be viewed and online condolences sent to criswellfh.com.

The family wishes to express our heart felt “thank you” for prayers, flowers, food and words of comfort.

Calvin “Buck” Eugene Durant



Calvin “Buck” Eugene Durant, 89, of McAlester, Okla., died Monday, Nov. 7, 2016. Funeral services were Nov. 12, at Chaney’s Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Jason Dunn officiating. Interment followed in Savanna Cemetery.

He was born Sept. 9, 1927, to Burney and Annie (Kannady) Durant. He attended the Chilocco Indian School in Arkansas City, Kansas, and was inducted into the Chilocco Hall of Fame in the late 1990s.

He served in the U. S. Army during World War II in Italy as a military policeman. Mr. Durant worked at the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant as a painter and retired in 1977. During his retirement years, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. He was also involved with the local community, serving on the Adamson Water Board for many years. He walked many miles to sign people up for the Adamson Water District No. 8. He served as the Choctaw Senior Citizens treasurer for 20 years. He was active in the forming of the fire department at Bucks of Gaines Creek. The road from Highway 69 to Bucks of Gaines Creek was named after him and also formed the subdivision known as Bucks of Gaines Creek. One highlight

in his life was when he was cast as an extra in the movie “Rock Island Trail” filmed in 1947 on Highway 63 starring Forrest Tucker and John Cabot.

On Oct. 5, 1988, he married Roberta Vanderburg in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and they enjoyed 28 years of marriage. They loved to dance, have fish fries and family dinners. He loved life.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta Durant, of McAlester; sons, Gregory Durant and wife, Teresa, of McAlester, Kabin Durant, of Sayre, Okla., and Joneal Durant, of McAlester; granddaughter, Jordan; grandson, Zachary; great-granddaughter, Caris; brother, Albert Durant and wife, Noreen, of Dallas; step-children, Alecia, Cindy, Claudette, Shannon and Kyle; dear family friend, Patty Weddle, and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Burney and Annie Durant; and brothers and sisters, Ethan Durant, Leona Surber, Listene Surber, Flossie Ott, Joe Durant, Henry Durant and Myrtle Mouser.

Pallbearers were Junior Johnson, Albert Durant Jr., Neil Johnson, James Little, Thomas Scroggins and James Impson. Honorary pallbearers were George Haliburton, J.A. Allford, Dr. K. and Beau Stine.

Leon Virgil Greenwood



Lifelong resident of Ada, Okla., Leon Virgil Greenwood died November 7, 2016 in Oklahoma City, at the age of 67 years. He was born January 16, 1949 in Milburn, Okla., to Virgil and Geraldine (Factor) Greenwood.

Serving his country faithfully, Mr. Greenwood served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He worked as a surveillance manager for the Chickasaw Nation for many years as well as the Seminole Nation serving as program director for 16 years. He loved his Chickasaw heritage. He was a long time respected elder of the Nation and performed native dance all over the state, attending Indian Rodeos and riding bare back. He was also owner and operator of Greenwood Family Restaurant.

He is survived by his companion and special friend, Peggy Walker Stowe, of Ada; four sisters, Diane Catron, of Tishomingo, Okla., Pat Greenwood Cox, of Ada, Evelyn Wood, of Stonewall, Okla., Linda Greenwood, of Purcell, Okla.; and a brother, Dewayne Greenwood, of Blanchard, Okla.; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, longtime friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter; three sisters, Carolyn Mendoza, Virginia Boston and Georgie Fraizer.

Funeral services were November 9, 2016 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center with Chaplain Randy Wade and Pastor Steve Walls officiating. Interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery in Fillmore, Okla.

Online guestbook and condolences are available at www.philipsfuneralservice.com

Note of Thanks

The Greenwood Family thanks Gov. Anoatubby and the grateful Chickasaw people for the food, donations and prayers during the loss of our loved one, Leon Greenwood.

May our creator bless each and every one of you.
Yakoke,
Pat Greenwood Cox

Tommy Jack Kelsey



Tommy Jack Kelsey, of Colbert, Oklahoma was born October 27, 1939 to Press and Ruth (Grinslade) Kelsey and went home to be with his Lord and Savior December 11, 2016 at the age of 77.

Mr. Kelsey was a lifelong resident of Bryan County. He proudly served in the U. S. Army in 1957 until his honorable discharge. He married Marla Kay Garrett June 23, 1970 in Achille, Oklahoma and they have been truly blessed with 46 years together.

He was self-employed as a landscaper and was very proud to maintain several of the cemeteries in Bryan County. He was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation and he enjoyed being outdoors, working on lawns, fishing in his younger years and spending time with his sweet family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Marquita Kemp and Laquetta Coburn; a brother, Johnny Kelsey, and a nephew, Robert Searcy.

He is survived by his wife, Marla Kay Kelsey, of the home; daughter, Gina Bell and husband, David, of Midland, Texas; grandchildren, Chris Bell and fiancé Heather Pool Bell, of Gainesville, Texas, Allison Bell, Kelsey Bell and Kolton Bell all of Midland; great-grandchildren, Gracelynn Bell, Carson and Landon; sisters, Sally Searcy, Mildred Donahue, Dolly Nichols and Katrinka Skinner; and numerous extended family and friends.

Funeral services were December 16, at Brown’s Funeral Service Chapel with Bro. Roger Speers officiating. Interment followed at Kemp Cemetery with Tyler Yelvington, Lawrence Scoggins, Chris Bell, Greg Wade, Corey Prentice and Roy Prentice serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Don Harmon and Kolton Bell.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

James Harvey Moore



He was my son, he was my dad, he was my uncle, he was my husband, he was my friend! Love abounds in many places, in your heart you’ll find those spaces.

James Harvey Moore
James entered this world on April 30, 1929 in McAlester, Oklahoma to Arthur and Tiny Moore (Chickasaw/Choctaw Indian) of McAlester. James departed this life on November 1, 2016 in the nursing home in Barling, Arkansas at the age of 87. James was the second of seven children. Registered as a Chickasaw citizen, James’ family lived in McAlester until 1947 when they moved to Deming, New Mexico.

James married Nadine Pulliam in 1948 in Deming. To this union four daughters and one son were born. Barbara, Patricia, James, Kay Lynn and Shirley.

James worked on the railroad for several years. His job until retirement was a propane over the road truck driver. James remar-

ried to Jeanette (McBride) Saunders in 1965, Woodward, Oklahoma. To this union two sons joined the home, Stephen Saunders and Lee Saunders. James was an avid fisherman. He donated his cooking skills to the senior citizens in Ponca City. James never met a stranger. He loved to garden and hosted several family reunions, along with cooking the meals. James could make some Indian Fry Bread that barely made it to the table.

James leaves his loved ones to continue on his journey. Those left to wish him well are daughter, Barbara (Moore) Coombs, Del City, Okla.; granddaughter Judith (Coombs) Swedburg; great-grandsons Travis Swedburg, Andrew Swedburg, great granddaughter Breanne Swedburg. Grandson Brian Vincent Coombs

Daughter Patricia (Moore) Coombs Wichita, Kan.; grandson Christopher Coombs, great-granddaughter Elizabeth Coombs, granddaughter Connie (Coombs) Cooper, great granddaughter Amber Cooper.

Son James Allen Moore and wife Eydie (Malinder) Moore, Wichita. Grandson Jeremiah James Moore, Undall, Kan.; great-granddaughter Emma Diane Moore and Bailee Nicole Moore; grandson Joshua James and wife Toni Moore, Ponca City, Okla.; great-granddaughters Hanna Rose Moore and Taylin Ruth Moore; great-grandson Joshua James Neal Moore; granddaughter Dorothy Christine Moore, Ponca City; great-grandson Jayce Darrell Dasan Moore-Moment; grandson James Moore, Jr., Pocola, Okla. Grandson Billy Gene Moore and wife Alison Dawn (Helms) Moore, Tonkawa, Okla.; great-grandson Wil Nashoba Helms-Moore, Chase Alexander Moore; great-granddaughter Mackenzie Paige Moore, great-granddaughter Sky in the care of James and Eydie Moore.

Daughter Kay Lynn (Moore) Leftwich, Fort Smith, Arkansas, grandsons Aaron Eugene Leftwich and Dakotha Jae Lyons, granddaughter Kiemeche Dawn Leftwich Lyons.

Daughter Shirley Dianne Moore, Amarillo, Texas; grandson Jeffery James McFadden and wife Catherine Kattie (Geiser) McFadden; great-grandson Uriah Skylar McFadden, great-granddaughters Allysa Paige McFadden and Malia Gracelyn McFadden, grandson Kenneth Allen Blenden

Son Steven Saunders and wife Kathleen (Hanneld) Saunders, Oklahoma City; granddaughter Stephanie (Saunders) Willis and husband James Willis; great-grandsons, Justice and Jaxon; grandson Jesse Saunders; great-granddaughter Lyrik.

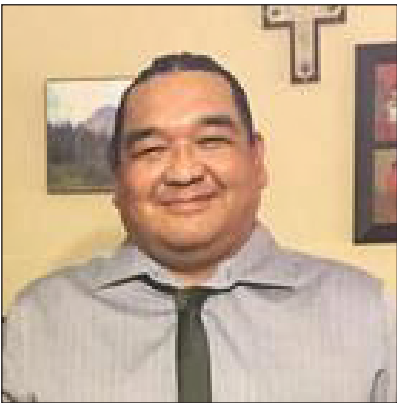
Son Lee Saunders and wife Marty (Beaty) Saunders, Oklahoma City; great-grandson Christopher Saunders.

James’ brothers and sisters include Lorene Vivian Renfro, Wynnewood, Okla.; Laverne Bankston, San Diego, Calif.; Ina Faye Dickens, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rueben and Dorothy Moore, Las Cruces, N.M.; Wilford and Norma Moore, Anthony, N.M.; Bobby and Nancy Moore, Las Cruces, N.M.

Preceding James in his trip were his father Arthur Moore, and his mother Tiny (Brown) Moore, infant daughter, his wife Jeanette (McBride) Moore, his precious grandson Skylar Joseph McFadden and precious granddaughter Sandy Michelle Coombs.

Memorial Service for distribution of ashes will be held in Ponca City, Okla., next to his wife Jeanette.

Michael Dean Underwood



Services for Michael Dean Underwood, 56, of Mill Creek, Okla., were Dec. 7, 2016 at Blue Baptist Church, Connerville, Okla., with Rev. Larry Hawkins officiating. Burial followed in Seeley-Blue Cemetery.

Mr. Underwood died Dec. 2, 2016 at an Oklahoma City hospital. He was born June 11, 1960 in Talihina, Okla., to Andrew and Lillian Wisdom Underwood. He graduated from high school and received an associates degree and a bachelor’s degree from Haskell Indian University.

Mr. Underwood was an auto mechanic for the Chickasaw Nation.

He is survived by two daughters, Autumn Underwood and Nikki Weems, both of Ada, Okla.; his mother, Lillian Underwood, of Mill Creek; three brothers, Larry Wisdom and wife, Mary, of Mill Creek, Darrell Underwood and wife, Linda, of Tishomingo, Okla., and Dexter Underwood and wife, Valerie, of Mill Creek; a sister, Tammy Underwood Davis and husband, Richard, of Norman, Okla.; five aunts, three uncles, many nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his father; paternal grandparents, Joe and Mary Jane Underwood; and maternal grandmother, Alice Cass.

Bearers were his nephews, Andy Underwood, Shannon Underwood, Tim Underwood, Matthew McDonald, Gerald Wisdom, Jason Underwood and Ryan Castleberry.

Obituaries may be viewed and online condolences sent to criswellfh.com.

Phyllis Diane Lewis



Phyllis Diane Lewis 61, of Madill, Oklahoma passed away December 18, 2016 at a hospital in Oklahoma City. She was born June 1, 1955 at Talihina, Okla., to the late Sam Ward and Frances Southerland Ward. Mrs. Lewis was raised in Burkburnett, Texas where she graduated from Burkburnett High School in 1973. She married Glen Lewis October 6, 1976 in Wichita Falls, Texas. In 1995 she moved to Madill where she lived the rest of her life. She worked at the Kingston School Cafeteria and retired in 2011. She was a member of the Hilltop Baptist Church in Kingston and she enjoyed cooking, watching classic movies and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Glen Lewis, of the home; children, Terri Henry and husband Bud, Kingston; grandchildren Taylor, Jewell and Alyssa Henry; a brother Malon Ward and wife, Kim, Willis, Oklahoma; a sister, Linda Evans and husband, Don, Colorado Springs, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Ronnie and William; and a sister, Brenda.

Services were December 23, 2016 at the Willis Baptist Church, Willis with Jerry Scott officiating.

Condolences may be sent to wattsfuneralhome.com.



JOHN FRYREAR

Foundation board member establishes scholarship in honor of his late father

John Fryrear has served on the Chickasaw Foundation board since 2007. He is a registered investment advisor, founder and president of Native American Fund Advisors (NAFA) Capital Markets.

In 2007, Mr. Fryrear established the Bill Fryrear Memorial Scholarship to honor his late father. His father was a civil servant who retired from Tinker Air Force Base after 35 years of service. Bill Fryrear was an amateur historian and artist. For more than 40 years, he served the Boy Scouts of America and taught Native American lore.

“My dad took great pride in being Chickasaw and ingrained that pride in me,” Mr. Fryrear said. “It is my hope that his legacy can continue through this scholarship.”

Mr. Fryrear is a NAFA and Pinnacle Investment Advisors partner. He is a Prevent Blindness Oklahoma board trustee and has served as a trustee for the Chillico Indian School, Invest Native Project and First Nations Development. He is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Native American Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Minority Business Council and Harvest Church in Norman, Okla.

Wheel-Thrown Ceramics class Jan. 9 to March 8

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities is sponsoring a wheel-thrown pottery class, Jan. 9 through March 8 at the Arts & Humanities ceramics studio, 210 N. Broadway Ave., Ada, Okla.

This nine-week class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. Students will learn how to use the potter’s wheel to create artistic, functional and decorative pottery.

Chickasaw Foundation Employee Charitable Contribution Plan supported by longtime donor Debbie Jackson



DEBBIE JACKSON

Debbie Jackson has been contributing to the Chickasaw Foundation through the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan since 2009.

Mrs. Jackson began her career with the Chickasaw Nation in 1975. In 2014, she was appointed Department of Health Chikasha House & Patient Resources executive officer.

Mrs. Jackson graduated from Murray State College in 1972, and East Central University in 1991 with a bachelor’s degree in literature. She served as 1970 Chickasaw Princess and is a lifetime member of Alpha Gamma Delta. Mrs. Jackson is a member of the Murray State College Alumni Association and the East Central University Alumni Association.

“I support the Chickasaw Foundation for their commitment and dedication to encourage, inspire and provide opportunities for children to learn to grow as individuals,” Mrs. Jackson said.

“The programs that the Chickasaw Foundation provides gives children the opportunity to experience programs and activities that are not always available to them. The staff works hard to ensure this experience is positive for every child.”

Wayneath Weddle, East Central University ceramics and sculpture instructor, will lead the class.

This class is open to the public. Enrollment and material fee of \$25 for all non-Chickasaw citizens. Class size is limited.

For more information, or to enroll, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.



Front row from left, Jill Fox, Chickasaw Nation Eagle Adventure Coordinator; Miss Rabbit (Melissa Church), Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! Nutrition Coordinator; Autumn Only A Chief, OSU SHINE Undergraduate Research Assistant and Miss American Indian OSU 2015-2016; Kara Young, OSU Eagle Adventure volunteer; Leah Miller, OU Dietetic Intern; Lydia Two Crow, OSU SHINE Undergraduate Research Assistant; Mr. Eagle (Tiffany Grant), Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! Food Demo Specialist Coordinator; Teresa Jackson, OSU Partnership and Evaluation Coordinator; Elizabeth Hubbard, OSU SHINE Graduate Research Assistant; Joshua Parker-Phelps, OSU Eagle Adventure volunteer. Back row from left, Ursula O’Hara, OSU Communications Manager; Stephany Parker, OSU Associate Research Professor and Get Fresh! Outcomes Coordinator; Keenan Springer, OSU SHINE Undergraduate Research Assistant; Sarah Miracle, Chickasaw Nation SNAP-Ed Program Manager.

Foundation announces Eagle Scholarship

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the Eagle Scholarship. The Eagle Scholarship was established by Sarah Miracle in honor of her co-worker, Jill Fox.

Ms. Fox was the program coordinator for the Eagle Adventures program. The program works to improve the health and nutrition of youth.

Applicants must be a Chickasaw citizen and full-time graduate student enrolled in an accredited college or university and pursuing a master’s degree of public health with a focus on community health. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

The Eagle Scholarship will be available on the 2017-2018 application in early spring.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or www.chickasawfoundation.org.

Chickasaw Foundation accepting applications for 2017 Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture Fellowship

The Chickasaw Foundation is accepting applications for the 2017 Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture Fellowship.

The fellowship is for those pursuing a master’s, doctorate or professional degree as a full-time graduate student at an accredited U.S. graduate school or preparing an academic paper, book or presentation on Chickasaw history and culture.

Applicants must be registered Native American citizens, and able to demonstrate a financial need.

Students who have previously received a scholarship from the Chickasaw Foundation for the 2016-2017 academic year are not eligible to apply.

Applications and supporting documentation must be delivered by Jan. 23.

For more information, or to receive an application, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or www.chickasawfoundation.org.

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Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Katie Case, David Woerz
General Resolution Number 34-011
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County (Lots 7 & 8)
Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for the Chickasaw Nation to be additional to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus, described below:
The Westerly 60 feet of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 43 in the Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded map or plat thereof.
The same tract being described in geodetic bearings as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 7, Block 43 in the Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma; thence N 34°34’36” E along the West line of Lots 7 and 8, a distance of 150.00 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 8; thence S 55°25’06” E along the North line of Lot 8, a distance of 60.00 feet; thence S 34°34’36” W a distance of 150.00 feet to a point on the South line of Lot 7; thence N 55°25’06” W a distance of 60.00 feet to the point of beginning.
Property Location: 503 West 7th Street, Tishomingo, Oklahoma

Use: For addition to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Campus
Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Katie Case, David Woerz
General Resolution Number 34-012
Resolution Changing the Date for Legislative Session, January, 2017
Explanation: This resolution changes the Legislative Session for January, 2017 from the third Friday of January to the second Friday of January. The change is needed because the third Friday coincides with the United States Inauguration Day and several Legislators will be in Washington, DC that day. It also necessitates the cancellation of the Committee of the Whole meeting for January, 2017. Announcements will be made on the web site to inform the public.
Emergency Legislation: This resolution is deemed as an “Emergency” because it is needed immediately and it was created after the first Friday of the month.
Presented By: Legislative Committee
Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Absent: Katie Case, David Woerz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole • December 12, 2016
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Finance Committee - December 12, 2016
Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Toby Perkins, Shana Hammond, Nancy Elliott

Health Care Committee - December 5, 2016
Present: Shana Hammond, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Katie Case, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Committee of the Whole • December 16, 2016
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods
Absent: Katie Case, Scott Wood, David Woerz

Land Development Committee - December 5, 2016
Present: Beth Alexander, Lisa J. Billy, Tim Colbert, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz
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